

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2018**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 commerce; and to provide a transfer.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
7 federal funds, to the department of commerce for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
8 department of commerce, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027,  
9 as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$0	\$15,785,306
13 Operating expenses	19,462,643	0	19,462,643
14 Grants	47,636,118	0	47,636,118
15 Discretionary funds	2,150,000	0	2,150,000
16 Partner programs	907,920	0	907,920
17 Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	<u>948,467</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>948,467</u>
18 Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$0	\$86,890,454
19 Less other funds	<u>53,344,371</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,344,371</u>
20 Total general fund	\$33,546,083	\$0	\$33,546,083
21 Full-time equivalent positions	62.80	0.00	62.80

22 **SECTION 2. TRANSFER - INTERNSHIP FUND.** The office of management and budget  
23 shall transfer \$1,006,896 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item in

1 section 1 of this Act to the internship fund for the purpose of administering the operation intern  
2 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

3 **SECTION 3. RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS**

4 **REQUIREMENT.** The grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$444,000 from the  
5 general fund for providing matching funds to an organization assisting in the recruitment,  
6 distribution, and supply, and enhancing the quality and efficiency of personnel providing health  
7 services in rural areas of the state. The department of commerce may spend the funds  
8 appropriated in this section only to the extent the organization has secured matching funds from  
9 nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis.