

**SECOND ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2396

Introduced by

Senators Weston, Boehm, Hogue, Paulson

Representatives Steiner, Tveit

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a performance audit of the North Dakota development fund; to
2 provide for a legislative audit and fiscal review committee report; to provide an appropriation;
3 and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. PERFORMANCE AUDIT - NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND -**
6 **LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT.** The legislative
7 management shall contract with an independent third party for the completion of a performance
8 audit of the North Dakota development fund, for the period beginning with the effective date of
9 this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The performance audit must address the economy,
10 efficiency, and effectiveness of the economic development programs of the North Dakota
11 development fund relative to industry best practices criteria for the years 2020 to 2024 by
12 examining internal processes, controls, and results to identify areas for improvement and
13 provide recommendations for corrective actions. A representative of the North Dakota
14 development fund shall report the audit findings to the legislative audit and fiscal review
15 committee before September 1, 2026.

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - PERFORMANCE AUDIT -**
17 **NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
18 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much
19 of the sum as may be necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting for a
20 performance audit of the North Dakota development fund, for the period beginning with the
21 effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027.

22 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.