

**54-03-24. Administrative code.**

Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive electronic notification of quarterly updates to the North Dakota administrative code as provided in section 28-32-20.

**54-03-25. Bills and amendments affecting workforce safety and insurance fund - Actuarial impact statement.**

Workforce safety and insurance shall review any legislative measure affecting workforce safety and insurance benefits or premium rates to determine whether the measure will have an actuarial impact on the workforce safety and insurance fund. If the organization determines that the measure will have an actuarial impact on the fund, the organization shall submit, before the measure is acted upon, an actuarial impact statement prepared, at the expense of the organization, by the actuary employed by the organization. The organization shall review any amendment affecting workforce safety and insurance benefits or premium rates and shall submit, before the amendment is acted upon, either a statement prepared by the organization, stating that the amendment is not expected to have any actuarial impact on the workforce safety and insurance fund, or an actuarial impact statement prepared, at the expense of the organization, by the actuary employed by the organization.

**54-03-26. Personal computers and associated software used by legislators - Fee - Continuing appropriation.**

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member of the legislative assembly who is assigned a computer may use that computer and its associated equipment and software for any use that is not in violation of section 16.1-10-02 upon payment of a computer usage fee established by the legislative management.
2. The legislative management may establish a policy under which a member of the legislative assembly who has paid a computer usage fee under subsection 1 may purchase the computer used by that member for the appraised or market value of the computer upon the replacement of the computer by the legislative council.
3. Any funds received by the legislative council through the sale of a computer under subsection 2 must be deposited in the legislative services fund in the state treasury.

**54-03-27. Service in the legislative assembly - Leave of absence from employment.**

The executive officer in charge of a state agency, department, or institution or the governing body of any political subdivision or any other employer in this state may grant a leave of absence from employment to a full-time employee of that governmental entity or of that employer who is a member of the legislative assembly for service during any regular or special session of the legislative assembly and for attendance at a meeting of the legislative management or any of its committees. The leave of absence may be without pay, and the employer may reduce or eliminate the payment of any additional benefits normally due the employee while the employee is performing legislative service. If the leave of absence is granted, the employer may not terminate the employment of an employee solely due to the fact that the employee is absent from employment as the result of service in the legislative assembly.

**54-03-28. Health insurance mandated coverage of services - Cost-benefit analysis requirement.**

1. If the legislative management determines a legislative measure mandates health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services, the measure may not be referred to a committee of the legislative assembly unless a cost-benefit analysis provided by the legislative management is appended to that measure.
  - a. If a committee of the legislative assembly determines a measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment of specified providers was referred to committee without a cost-benefit analysis, the committee shall request the legislative management provide a cost-benefit analysis. The committee may

- not act on the measure unless the measure is accompanied by the cost-benefit analysis.
- b. If a committee of the legislative assembly determines a proposed amendment to a measure mandates health insurance coverage of services or payment of specified providers, the committee may not act on the proposed amendment unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis or amended cost-benefit analysis provided by the legislative management.
2. Factors considered in the cost-benefit analysis must include:
    - a. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the cost of the service.
    - b. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase the appropriate use of the service.
    - c. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and administrative expenses of insureds.
    - d. The impact of the proposed mandate on the total cost of health care.
  3. A committee of the legislative assembly may not act on a legislative measure that the legislative management or committee determines mandates health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services unless the measure as recommended by the committee provides:
    - a. The measure is effective through June thirtieth of the next odd-numbered year following the year in which the legislative assembly enacted the measure, and after that date the measure is ineffective.
    - b. The application of the mandate is limited to the public employees health insurance program and the public employee retiree health insurance program. The application of such mandate begins with every contract for health insurance which becomes effective after June thirtieth of the year in which the measure becomes effective.
    - c. That for the next legislative assembly, the public employees retirement system shall prepare and request introduction of a bill to repeal the expiration date and to extend the mandated coverage or payment to apply to accident and health insurance policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the bill a report regarding the effect of the mandated coverage or payment on the system's health insurance programs. The report must include information on the utilization and costs relating to the mandated coverage or payment and a recommendation on whether the coverage or payment should continue. For purposes of this section, the bill is not a legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services, unless the bill is amended following introduction so as to change the bill's mandate.
  4. The legislative management shall adopt a procedure for identifying measures and proposed measures mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services. The procedure must include solicitation of draft measures and proposals during the interim between legislative sessions from legislators and agencies with bill introduction privileges and must include deadlines for identification of the measures or proposals.
  5. The legislative council shall contract with a private entity, after receiving one or more recommendations from the insurance commissioner, to provide the legislative management the cost-benefit analysis required by this section. The insurance commissioner shall pay the cost of the contracted services to the entity providing the services.

**54-03-29. Acceptance of gifts - Continuing appropriation.**

The legislative assembly or either house of the legislative assembly may accept donations of funds. Funds received as a donation may be expended by the legislative assembly by concurrent resolution or the appropriate house upon motion. All funds under this section are