

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend section 6 of chapter 15, section 5 of chapter 18, sections 6, 7, and 8  
2 of chapter 19, and section 1 of chapter 55 of the 2021 Session Laws, relating to the federal  
3 coronavirus capital projects fund and federal state fiscal recovery fund; to identify department of  
4 transportation funding sources; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide  
5 for application; to provide for a report; to provide an effective date; and to declare an  
6 emergency.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 6 of chapter 15 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
9 and reenacted as follows:

10 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL**  
11 **PROJECTS FUND - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - MATCHING**  
12 **FUNDS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

13 1. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus  
14 capital projects fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
15 ~~\$70,000,000~~\$50,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from  
16 the federal state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
17 \$30,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of  
18 career and technical education for the purpose of a statewide area career center  
19 initiative grant program for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act,  
20 and ending June 30, 2023. The department of career and technical education  
21 shall establish the application process and develop eligibility requirements for the  
22 grant program that must include:

- 1           a. Funding may be used only for career and technical education projects  
2           involving construction, addition, maintenance, and equipment for new and  
3           existing area career centers;
- 4           b. Grants awarded to each recipient must be at least \$500,000, but may not  
5           exceed \$10,000,000;
- 6           c. Grants may be awarded only to the extent a school district has secured  
7           matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis;
- 8           d. An applicant identifying sufficient future nonstate sources of funding for  
9           ongoing operating and maintenance costs associated with a new or  
10          expanded area career center;
- 11          e. The application period for the grant program begins with the effective date  
12          of this Act and ends on June 30, 2022. Any funding not committed by  
13          December 31, 2022, may not be spent and must be canceled at the end of  
14          the 2021-23 biennium in accordance with section 54-44.1-11;
- 15          f. Preference must be given to school districts that collaborate with other  
16          school districts for a regional area career center facility or to school districts  
17          to create a new area career center or use an existing area career center to  
18          positively affect that region of the state; and
- 19          g. Preference must be given to school districts that will promote postsecondary  
20          education and workforce training education in conjunction with secondary  
21          education.
- 22          2. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
23          ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
24          \$5,900,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of  
25          public instruction for the purpose of providing a grant to an entity for the  
26          development of a children's science center for the period beginning with the  
27          effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 28          3. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
29          ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
30          \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the university of  
31          North Dakota for the purpose of reconstruction of the university's apron at the

- 1 Grand Forks airport for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act,  
2 and ending June 30, 2023.
- 3 4. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
4 ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
5 \$4,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to Dickinson state  
6 university for the purpose of a Pulver hall project, a meat processing laboratory  
7 remodel, and other projects for the period beginning with the effective date of this  
8 Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 9 5. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
10 ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
11 \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the highway patrol  
12 for the purpose of a law enforcement training center remodel project for the  
13 period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 14 6. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
15 ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
16 \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the office of  
17 management and budget for the purpose of providing a grant for the construction  
18 of a new medical center located in the county seat of Griggs County for the  
19 period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 20 7. There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus-~~  
21 ~~capital projects~~state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
22 \$157,600, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the judicial branch for  
23 the purpose of purchasing information technology equipment for the period  
24 beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023.
- 25 8. ~~If the federal government distributes funding derived from the federal coronavirus-~~  
26 ~~capital projects fund to the state in more than one funding round, the office of~~  
27 ~~management and budget shall prioritize the amounts received in the first funding~~  
28 ~~round as follows:~~
- 29 a. ~~\$19,763,000 to the department of career and technical education;~~  
30 b. ~~\$11,716,400 to the parks and recreation department;~~  
31 c. ~~\$5,900,000 to the department of public instruction;~~

- 1                   d. \$5,000,000 to the university of North Dakota;  
2                   e. \$4,200,000 to the state historical society;  
3                   f. \$4,000,000 to Dickinson state university;  
4                   g. \$3,000,000 to the highway patrol;  
5                   h. \$2,000,000 to the agriculture commissioner;  
6                   i. \$500,000 to the office of management and budget; and  
7                   j. \$157,600 to the judicial branch.
- 8           9. The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the  
9           director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget  
10          section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the  
11          federal coronavirus capital projects fund. The funding provided under this section  
12          is considered a one-time funding item.

13           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 5 of chapter 18 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
14 and reenacted as follows:

15                   **SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL**  
16           **PROJECTSSTATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The  
17           estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$4,200,000 from  
18           federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus capital projectsstate fiscal recovery  
19           fund for the purpose of providing funding for capital project planning and historic site  
20           and extraordinary repairs. ~~The federal funding provided under this section may be~~  
21           ~~spent only to the extent the director of the office of management and budget, in~~  
22           ~~consultation with the budget section, determines the use of the funding complies with~~  
23           ~~federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital projects fund.~~The funding provided  
24           under this section is considered a one-time funding item.

25           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 6 of chapter 19 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
26 and reenacted as follows:

27                   **SECTION 6. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS -**  
28           **FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTSSTATE FISCAL RECOVERY**  
29           **FUND.** The park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of  
30           this Act includes \$7,900,000 from federal funds derived from the federal coronavirus  
31           capital projectsstate fiscal recovery fund for deferred maintenance and capital projects

1 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. ~~The funding-~~  
2 ~~provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the office of~~  
3 ~~management and budget, in consultation with the budget section, determines the use-~~  
4 ~~of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal coronavirus capital-~~  
5 ~~projects fund.~~ The funding provided under this section is considered a one-time  
6 funding item.

7 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of chapter 19 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
8 and reenacted as follows:

9 **SECTION 7. PARKS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - FEDERAL**

10 **~~CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS~~STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.** The  
11 recreation line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act includes \$1,632,800, of  
12 which \$816,400 is from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus capital-~~  
13 ~~projects~~state fiscal recovery fund and \$816,400 is matching funds from nonstate  
14 sources for a matching grant program for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and  
15 ending June 30, 2023. The parks and recreation department may spend these funds  
16 for capital project improvements at state parks, subject to the department obtaining  
17 matching funds from nonstate sources for each project on a dollar-for-dollar basis. ~~The-~~  
18 ~~federal funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the director-~~  
19 ~~of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget section,-~~  
20 ~~determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the federal-~~  
21 ~~coronavirus capital projects fund.~~ The funding provided under this section is  
22 considered a one-time funding item.

23 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 8 of chapter 19 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
24 and reenacted as follows:

25 **SECTION 8. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN - FEDERAL ~~CORONAVIRUS-~~**  
26 **~~CAPITAL PROJECTS~~STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.** The International Peace  
27 Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of  
28 \$3,000,000, from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus capital-~~  
29 ~~projects~~state fiscal recovery fund for International Peace Garden capital projects ~~or the~~  
30 ~~repayment of any outstanding loan from the Bank of North Dakota authorized in-~~  
31 ~~section 12 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the period beginning with the~~

1 effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023. Expenditure of the funds  
2 appropriated for this purpose is subject to the province of Manitoba providing funding  
3 equal to fifty percent of the total cost of any project paid with the funding referenced in  
4 this section. ~~The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent~~  
5 ~~the director of the office of management and budget, in consultation with the budget~~  
6 ~~section, determines the use of the funding complies with federal guidance for the~~  
7 ~~federal coronavirus capital projects fund.~~ The funding provided under this section is  
8 considered a one-time funding item.

9 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of chapter 55 of the 2021 Session Laws is amended  
10 and reenacted as follows:

11 **~~SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL~~**  
12 **~~PROJECTS~~STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - INTERMODAL FACILITY**  
13 **~~CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING.~~** There is appropriated  
14 from federal funds derived from the federal ~~coronavirus capital projects~~state fiscal  
15 recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the  
16 sum as may be necessary, to the agriculture commissioner for the purpose of an  
17 intermodal facility grant program for capital construction projects that will expand rail  
18 capacity to support economic and workforce development and growth and enhance  
19 the value of agriculture and commercial products exported through an intermodal  
20 facility in North Dakota for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and  
21 ending June 30, 2023. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

- 22 1. The agriculture commissioner shall establish guidelines for awarding grants  
23 under the program.
- 24 2. Grants may be awarded only to an organization dedicated to the expansion of rail  
25 capacity at an existing intermodal facility in the state connected to and served by  
26 a class I railroad. Grant funds may be used only to pay for capital costs  
27 associated with engineering, labor, equipment, and materials related to rail track  
28 expansion.
- 29 3. ~~The funding provided under this section may be spent only to the extent the~~  
30 ~~director of the office of management and budget certifies to the legislative~~

1                   management that the use of this funding complies with federal guidelines for the  
2                   federal coronavirus capital projects fund.

3                   **SECTION 7. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL**

4                   **RECOVERY FUND - TRANSFER - STATE TREASURER.** Subdivision 10 of section 2 of House  
5 Bill No. 1395, as approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly, includes the sum of  
6 \$317,000,000 from federal funds derived from the federal state fiscal recovery fund. Of the  
7 \$317,000,000, at least \$200,000,000 must be used for state road and bridge projects and up to  
8 \$100,000,000 may be used for county bridge projects to improve existing bridges. The  
9 department of transportation shall allocate, to the extent possible, the county bridge funding to  
10 all areas of the state. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$17,000,000 of the  
11 appropriation authority identified in this section to the state treasurer for distribution to  
12 townships for road and bridge projects as follows:

- 13           1. In January 2022, the state treasurer shall distribute \$8,500,000, or so much of the sum  
14           as may be necessary, to non-oil-producing counties for the benefit of the organized  
15           and unorganized townships within each non-oil-producing county. The distribution to  
16           each non-oil-producing county must provide for an allocation to each organized and  
17           unorganized township that is proportional to the number of township road miles in  
18           each organized and unorganized township relative to the combined total township  
19           road miles in all the organized and unorganized townships in all the non-oil-producing  
20           counties. The township road miles must be based on certifications provided to the  
21           state treasurer using roadway mileage criteria from the department of transportation.
- 22           2. In January 2022, the state treasurer shall distribute \$8,500,000, or so much of the sum  
23           as may be necessary, to non-oil-producing counties for the benefit of the organized  
24           and unorganized townships within each non-oil-producing county. The distribution to  
25           each non-oil-producing county must provide for an equal allocation to each organized  
26           and unorganized township within the county.
- 27           3. The amount allocated to organized townships under this subsection must be paid by  
28           the county treasurer to each organized township. The amount allocated to  
29           unorganized townships under this subsection must be credited by the county treasurer  
30           to a special fund for unorganized township roads.

1           4. The distributions under this subsection must be used for the maintenance and  
2           improvement of township paved and unpaved roads and bridges. A township is not  
3           eligible for an allocation of funds under this subsection if the township does not  
4           maintain any township roads.

5           5. For the purposes of this section, a "non-oil-producing county" means a county that has  
6           received no allocation of funding or a total allocation of funding under subsection 2 of  
7           section 57-51-15 of less than \$5,000,000 for the period beginning September 1, 2019,  
8           and ending August 31, 2020.

9           **SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND -**

10          **LIMITATION - BUDGET SECTION REPORT.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of  
11          the sum as may be necessary, are appropriated from federal funds derived from the federal  
12          coronavirus relief fund, to the state departments and agencies listed below for the purpose of  
13          defraying payroll expenses for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and  
14          ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

15          Department of human services	\$4,400,000
16          Department of corrections and rehabilitation	7,000,000
17          Adjutant general	<u>1,000,000</u>
18          Total	\$12,400,000

19          The funds appropriated in this section may be spent only to the extent the director of the  
20          office of management and budget determines the funding is available. An agency may not  
21          spend any general fund dollars appropriated for payroll expenses that are being replaced with  
22          federal funding under this section. The director of the office of management and budget shall  
23          report to the budget section on the amounts spent under this section.

24          **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective December 1, 2021.

25          **SECTION 10. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.