

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**BILL NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Boehning

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a public employee health benefits coverage study and pilot  
2 program; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - HEALTH BENEFITS**  
5 **COVERAGE STUDY - REPORT TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE.**

6 During the 2019-21 biennium the public employees retirement system shall conduct a study of  
7 health benefits coverage options for public employees which may include offering an employee  
8 a health savings account as an alternative to opting to take health insurance and other options  
9 for employees. During the 2019-20 and 2021-22 interims the public employees retirement  
10 system shall report to the employee benefits programs committee on the status of the study.  
11 During the 2021 and 2023 regular legislative sessions, the public employees retirement system  
12 shall introduce any legislation necessary to implement recommendations resulting from the  
13 study. Notwithstanding laws to the contrary, during the 2019-21 biennium, the public employees  
14 retirement system may implement one or more health benefits coverage pilot programs for  
15 providing health benefits coverage to state and political subdivision employees.

16 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.