

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2311

Page 1, line 2, replace "and state employee equity adjustments; and to provide for transfers" with "; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vacant state employee positions; and to provide authorization for additional full-time equivalent positions"

Page 1, replace lines 22 through 24 with:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Vacant state employee positions salary savings - Emergency commission and budget section review and approval.** The head of each executive branch agency, department, and institution shall report each month to the office of management and budget the number of vacant full-time equivalent employee positions and related salary and fringe benefit savings. The office of management and budget shall report at each budget section meeting on the cumulative savings resulting from the vacant positions. Agencies, departments, and institutions reporting vacant positions under this section may not spend the related savings without prior approval of the emergency commission and the budget section.

**SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION AUTHORIZATION - BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL.** The office of management and budget, subject to emergency commission and budget section approval, may authorize up to a total of forty-four additional full-time equivalent positions for executive branch agencies in addition to those authorized by the legislative assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Only positions that are determined to be critical to the mission of the agency may be authorized under this section."

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 13

Re-number accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

This amendment:

- Creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-27 relating to vacant state employee position salary savings.
- Authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to authorize additional mission-critical FTE positions for state agencies.
- Removes Sections 2 and 3 relating to salary equity funding.