

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2408

Introduced by

Senators Holmberg, Krebsbach, Triplett

Representatives Glassheim, Svedjan, Uglen

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a base
2 realignment grant program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BASE REALIGNMENT GRANT PROGRAM -**

5 **BUDGET SECTION APPROVAL.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund
6 in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum
7 as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing one-time
8 funding for a base realignment grant program to enhance economic development and
9 employment opportunities associated with the Grand Forks air force base resulting from action
10 by the federal base closure and realignment committee, for the biennium beginning July 1,
11 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. Applications for program funding may include requests for
12 infrastructure and economic development projects to accommodate growth in proximity to or at
13 the Grand Forks air force base. Applications for program funding must include dollar for dollar
14 cash matching funds from the city, county, federal government, or private sector. Applications
15 for program funding must be approved by a local committee consisting of representatives of
16 Grand Forks County, Grand Forks, the university of North Dakota, and the regional economic
17 development corporation. Applications approved by this committee must be submitted to and
18 approved by the board of county commissioners before submission to the department of
19 commerce for grant approval. The commissioner of the department of commerce shall review
20 each application and may provide a grant award for each application approved by the
21 commissioner.