

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1316-1318 of the Senate Journal and pages 1430 and 1431 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2016 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "Dakota" insert "; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 52-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to conditions required to be eligible for unemployment benefits; to provide for a report; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 11 through 20 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	(\$1,577,279)	\$28,994,942
Operating expenses	17,840,895	(676,522)	17,164,373
Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
Grants	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
Reed Act - unemployment insurance computer modernization	<u>10,475,114</u>	<u>470,012</u>	<u>10,945,126</u>
Total all funds	\$65,074,342	\$331,150	\$65,405,492
Less estimated income	<u>64,643,718</u>	<u>351,545</u>	<u>64,995,263</u>
Total general fund	\$430,624	(\$20,395)	\$410,229
Full-time equivalent positions	172.61	(16.00)	156.61"

Page 2, after line 14, insert:

**"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 52-06-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial claims filed with an effective date within the time period in which the waiting period is suspended. No week may be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of this subsection:
  - a. Unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to which the individual claims payment of benefits;
  - b. If benefits have been paid with respect thereto; and
  - c. Unless the individual was eligible for benefits, with respect thereto as provided in this section and section 52-06-02; and

**SECTION 6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIFICATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The information technology department may not charge state agencies selected to participate in the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative an amount in excess of the salaries and wages and related operating expenses of any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology department during the 2021-23

biennium. It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly that any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology department for the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative be transferred to the agency employing the positions during the 2019-21 biennium, unless the sixty-eighth legislative assembly is presented with sufficient evidence of efficiencies gained and cost-savings realized by the state as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative. During the 2021-22 interim, the information technology department shall report annually to the legislative management regarding any efficiencies gained and cost-savings realized as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative.

**SECTION 7. EMERGENCY.** Section 5 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2016 - Job Service North Dakota - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	\$28,961,152	\$33,790	\$28,994,942	\$31,443,080	(\$2,448,138)
Operating expenses	17,840,895	17,175,297	(10,924)	17,164,373	13,594,397	3,569,976
Capital assets	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	
Grants	6,166,112	8,281,051		8,281,051	8,281,051	
Reed Act - Computer modernization	10,475,114	10,945,126		10,945,126	10,945,126	
Total all funds	\$65,074,342	\$65,382,626	\$22,866	\$65,405,492	\$64,283,654	\$1,121,838
Less estimated income	64,643,718	64,972,321	22,942	64,995,263	63,873,425	1,121,838
General fund	\$430,624	\$410,305	(\$76)	\$410,229	\$410,229	\$0
FTE	172.61	156.61	0.00	156.61	172.61	(16.00)

**Department 380 - Job Service North Dakota - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adjusts Funding for IT Unification <sup>2</sup>	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	\$33,790		\$33,790
Operating expenses		(\$10,924)	(10,924)
Capital assets			
Grants			
Reed Act - Computer modernization			
Total all funds	\$33,790	(\$10,924)	\$22,866
Less estimated income	33,866	(10,924)	22,942
General fund	(\$76)	\$0	(\$76)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted for 2021-23 biennium salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2 percent on July 1, 2022, the same as provided by the House; however, the amount for salary increases is reduced compared to the House version due to the Conference Committee approving Job Service North Dakota to participate in the information technology (IT) unification initiative. The Senate provided salary adjustments of 2 percent with a minimum monthly increase of \$80 and a maximum monthly increase of \$300 on July 1, 2021, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$10,924 is removed to reflect the change in salary increases for FTE positions approved to be transferred to the Information Technology Department (ITD) as part of the IT unification initiative. The Conference

Committee approved the transfer of 16 FTE positions to ITD for IT unification, the same as the Senate. The House did not approve IT unification. Of the 16 FTE positions, 5 FTE positions are unfunded.

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This amendment also:

- Adds a section to amend North Dakota Century Code Section 52-06-01(4) to allow the executive director of Job Service North Dakota to suspend the unemployment benefit waiting period when federal reimbursement for benefit charges incurred are made available to Job Service North Dakota. This section is declared an emergency measure. The House also included this section.
- Adds a section to provide ITD may not charge state agencies selected to participate in the 2021-23 biennium IT unification initiative an amount in excess of the salaries and wages and related operating expenses of any FTE positions transferred to ITD during the 2021-23 biennium. Legislative intent is provided that any FTE position transferred to ITD for the 2021-23 biennium IT unification initiative be transferred to the agency employing the positions during the 2019-21 biennium, unless the 68th Legislative Assembly is presented with sufficient evidence of efficiencies gained and cost-savings realized by the state as a result of the 2021-23 biennium IT unification initiative. During the 2021-22 interim, ITD is required to report annually to the Legislative Management regarding any efficiencies gained and cost-savings realized as a result of the 2021-23 biennium IT unification initiative. This section was not included in the Senate or House versions.