

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of job service North
2 Dakota; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 52-06-01 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to conditions required to be eligible for unemployment benefits; to provide for a
4 report; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
9 other income, to job service North Dakota for the purpose of defraying the expenses of job
10 service North Dakota, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
13 Salaries and wages	\$30,572,221	(\$1,611,069)	\$28,961,152
14 Operating expenses	17,840,895	(665,598)	17,175,297
15 Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
16 Grants	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
17 Reed Act unemployment insurance	10,475,114	470,012	10,945,126
18 —computer modernization			
19 Total all funds	\$65,074,342	\$308,284	\$65,382,626
20 Less estimated income	64,643,718	328,603	64,972,321
21 Total general fund	\$430,624	(\$20,319)	\$410,305
22 Full-time equivalent positions	172.61	(16.00)	156.61
23 <u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$30,572,221</u>	<u>(\$1,577,279)</u>	<u>\$28,994,942</u>
24 <u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>17,840,895</u>	<u>(676,522)</u>	<u>17,164,373</u>

1	<u>Capital assets</u>	20,000	0	20,000
2	<u>Grants</u>	6,166,112	2,114,939	8,281,051
3	<u>Reed Act - unemployment insurance</u>	10,475,114	470,012	10,945,126
4	<u>computer modernization</u>			
5	<u>Total all funds</u>	\$65,074,342	\$331,150	\$65,405,492
6	<u>Less estimated income</u>	64,643,718	351,545	64,995,263
7	<u>Total general fund</u>	\$430,624	(\$20,395)	\$410,229
8	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	172.61	(16.00)	156.61

9 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
10 items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium:

11	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
12	Unemployment insurance modernization project	\$611,852	\$0
13	Total other funds	\$611,852	\$0

14 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION.** All federal funds received by job
15 service North Dakota in excess of those funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are
16 appropriated to job service North Dakota for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
17 June 30, 2023.

18 **SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - REED ACT FUNDS - UNEMPLOYMENT**

19 **INSURANCE COMPUTER MODERNIZATION.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of
20 this Act includes the sum of \$10,945,126 from federal Reed Act funds made available to the
21 state by the federal Reed Act distributions made in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and
22 2002, pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social Security Act. This sum, or so much of the
23 sum as may be necessary, is for the purpose of developing a modernization unemployment
24 insurance computer system.

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

- 27 4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive
28 director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal
29 reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made
30 available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial
31 claims filed with an effective date within the time period in which the waiting period is

1 suspended. No week may be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of
2 this subsection:

- 3 a. Unless it occurs within the benefit year which includes the week with respect to
4 which the individual claims payment of benefits;
5 b. If benefits have been paid with respect thereto; and
6 c. Unless the individual was eligible for benefits, with respect thereto as provided in
7 this section and section 52-06-02; and

8 **SECTION 6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIFICATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT -**
9 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The information technology department may not
10 charge state agencies selected to participate in the 2021-23 biennium information technology
11 unification initiative an amount in excess of the salaries and wages and related operating
12 expenses of any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology
13 department during the 2021-23 biennium. It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative
14 assembly that any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology
15 department for the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative be transferred
16 to the agency employing the positions during the 2019-21 biennium, unless the sixty-eighth
17 legislative assembly is presented with sufficient evidence of efficiencies gained and
18 cost-savings realized by the state as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology
19 unification initiative. During the 2021-22 interim, the information technology department shall
20 report annually to the legislative management regarding any efficiencies gained and
21 cost-savings realized as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification
22 initiative.

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