

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2016**

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.

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

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

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

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

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

9 **INSURANCE COMPUTER MODERNIZATION.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of
10 this Act includes the sum of \$10,945,126 from federal Reed Act funds made available to the
11 state by the federal Reed Act distributions made in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and
12 2002, pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social Security Act. This sum, or so much of the
13 sum as may be necessary, is for the purpose of developing a modernization unemployment
14 insurance computer system.

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

17 4. The individual has been unemployed for a waiting period of one week. The executive
18 director may suspend the waiting period during periods of time when federal
19 reimbursement for benefit charges incurred for the suspended waiting period is made
20 available to the bureau. Any suspension of the waiting period applies to all new initial
21 claims filed with an effective date within the time period in which the waiting period is
22 suspended. No week may be counted as a week of unemployment for the purposes of
23 this subsection:

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

29 **SECTION 6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIFICATION - LEGISLATIVE INTENT -**

30 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.** The information technology department may not
31 charge state agencies selected to participate in the 2021-23 biennium information technology

1 unification initiative an amount in excess of the salaries and wages and related operating
2 expenses of any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology
3 department during the 2021-23 biennium. It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative
4 assembly that any full-time equivalent positions transferred to the information technology
5 department for the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification initiative be transferred
6 to the agency employing the positions during the 2019-21 biennium, unless the sixty-eighth
7 legislative assembly is presented with sufficient evidence of efficiencies gained and
8 cost-savings realized by the state as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology
9 unification initiative. During the 2021-22 interim, the information technology department shall
10 report annually to the legislative management regarding any efficiencies gained and
11 cost-savings realized as a result of the 2021-23 biennium information technology unification
12 initiative.

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