

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2016  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of job service North Dakota; 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.

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

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

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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

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

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

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

**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - REED ACT FUNDS - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMPUTER MODERNIZATION.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$10,945,126 from federal Reed Act funds made available to the state by the federal Reed Act distributions made in federal fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1999, and 2002, pursuant to section 903 of the federal Social Security Act. This sum, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, is for the purpose of developing a modernization unemployment insurance computer system.

**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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2016 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 89                      Nays 3                      Absent 2

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Speaker of the House

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,

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Secretary of State