

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1415**

Introduced by

Representatives Kiefert, K. Anderson, Heinert, Ostlie, Rohr, Satrom

Senators Conley, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a law enforcement
2 staffing grant program; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING GRANT PROGRAM -**

5 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$29,000, or so much of the sum as may be
7 necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of awarding grants to any local police
8 department located in a community that has recently experienced a significant increase in the
9 number of registered sex offenders living in that community in order to hire additional law
10 enforcement staff, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Eligible
11 expenditures under the program include costs related to salaries and overtime, training, and
12 purchases of equipment for existing and newly hired law enforcement staff. The attorney
13 general shall establish guidelines to provide grants under the program. This funding is
14 considered a one-time funding item.

15 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SEXUAL PREDATOR TASK**

16 **FORCE.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the
17 feasibility and desirability of creating a multijurisdictional sexual predator task force. The study
18 must include input from stakeholders, including representatives from law enforcement,
19 regarding the need for or desire to have a sexual predator task force. The study also must
20 include an analysis of interagency coordination. The legislative management shall report its
21 findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the
22 recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.