

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees  
2 retirement system; to provide for a report; and to provide for transfers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds from income to  
6 the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public  
7 employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30,  
8 2021, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Salaries and wages	\$6,316,169	\$336,435	\$6,652,604
12 Operating expenses	2,692,221	(208,629)	2,483,592
13 Capital assets	0	190,000	190,000
14 Contingencies	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
15 Total special funds	\$9,258,390	\$317,806	\$9,576,196
16 Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	0.00	34.50

**17 SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

18 **SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time  
19 funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the  
20 2019-21 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
22	Information technology risk assessment	\$0	\$40,000
23	Upgrade business system software	<u>0</u>	<u>190,000</u>
24	Total special funds	\$0	\$230,000

1       The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for  
2 the 2021-23 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the  
3 appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time  
4 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

5       **SECTION 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of  
6 the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority from the  
7 contingencies line item in section 1 of this Act to any other line item as requested by the public  
8 employees retirement system board. The agency shall notify the legislative council of any  
9 transfers made pursuant to this section.

10       **SECTION 4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL**  
11 **BENEFITS COVERAGE - REPORT.** During the 2019-21 biennium, the public employees  
12 retirement system board shall solicit and receive bids for the 2021-23 biennium hospital benefits  
13 coverage and medical benefits coverage for state employees under section 54-52.1-04. The  
14 request for proposal must include an option for coverage through a self-insurance plan. The  
15 board shall report to the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate and the  
16 chairmen of the appropriations committees, or their designees, when bids are received during  
17 the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The report must provide  
18 comparative information and the board's evaluation of the bids received, including information  
19 on the self-insurance option.