

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 a contingent appropriation; and to provide for a report.

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, 2023, and ending June 30,
8 2025, as follows.

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Salaries and wages	\$7,209,060	\$1,262,868	\$8,471,928
12 Operating expenses	2,396,236	147,476	2,543,712
13 Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
14 Defined benefit plan closure	<u>0</u>	<u>1,006,839</u>	<u>1,006,839</u>
15 Total special funds	\$9,855,296	\$2,417,183	\$12,272,479
16 Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	6.00	41.50

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

18 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
19 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the
20 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
21 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>		
22 Upgrade benefit enrollment system	\$104,500	\$0
23 Upgrade PERSLink business system	257,600	125,000
24 Modify PERSLink business system	0	125,000

1	Temporary salaries	0	200,000
2	Staff operating expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>7,000</u>
3	Total special funds	\$362,100	\$457,000

4 **SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING**

5 **AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The defined benefit plan
6 closure line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,006,839, of which \$681,839 is
7 for salaries and wages and related operating expenses for three full-time equivalent positions,
8 \$200,000 is for temporary salaries, and \$125,000 is for modification of the PERSLink business
9 system. The public employees retirement system may spend funding from this line item only if
10 the sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main system defined benefit retirement plan to
11 new hires. Of the funding in this line item, \$328,000 is considered a one-time funding item.