

**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; and to provide a contingent appropriation.

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	\$529,419	\$7,738,479
12 Operating expenses	2,396,236	146,476	2,542,712
13 Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
14 Defined benefit plan closure	<u>0</u>	<u>372,027</u>	<u>372,027</u>
15 Total special funds	\$9,855,296	\$1,047,922	\$10,903,218
16 Full-time equivalent positions	35.50	5.00	40.50

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>5,000</u>
3	Total special funds	\$362,100	\$455,000

4 The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for
5 the 2025-27 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the
6 appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time
7 funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

8 **SECTION 3. DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CLOSURE LINE ITEM - CONTINGENT FUNDING**
9 **AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS.** The defined benefit plan closure line item in
10 section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$372,027, of which \$47,027 is for a portion of salaries
11 and wages and related operating expenses for two full-time equivalent positions, \$200,000 is for
12 temporary salaries, and \$125,000 is for modification of the PERSLink business system. The
13 public employees retirement system may spend funding from this line item only if the
14 sixty-eighth legislative assembly closes the main system defined benefit retirement plan to new
15 hires. Of the funding in this line item, \$327,000 is identified as a one-time funding item in
16 section 2 of this Act. In addition, the public employees retirement system may request the office
17 of management and budget to transfer up to \$479,660 of additional funding from the new and
18 vacant FTE funding pool to this line item for salaries and wages of the full-time equivalent
19 positions identified in this section.