

Introduced by

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1 A BILL ~~for an Act to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a law enforcement~~
2 ~~staffing grant program.~~for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding the
3 equipment and staffing needs of law enforcement.

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

5 ~~SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION -- LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING GRANT PROGRAM --~~
6 ~~ONE-TIME FUNDING.~~ There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$480,000, or so much of the sum as may be
8 necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of awarding grants to a local police
9 department located in a southeastern North Dakota community with a population of between
10 fourteen thousand and seventeen thousand residents that has recently experienced a
11 significant increase in the number of registered sex offenders living in that community in order to
12 hire additional law enforcement staff, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
13 June 30, 2025. Eligible expenditures under the program include costs related to salaries and
14 overtime, training, and purchases of equipment for existing and newly hired law enforcement
15 staff. The attorney general shall establish guidelines to provide grants under the program. This
16 funding is considered a one-time funding item.

17 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING**
18 **AND EQUIPMENT.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall study the
19 equipment and staffing needs of law enforcement departments in the state. The study must
20 include assessing the:
21 1. Specific and unique challenges faced by certain regions or communities, such as a
22 large population of high-risk offenders or offenders under some form of supervision or
23 monitoring program;

- 1 2. Types of technologies available to law enforcement for the purpose of supervising or
- 2 monitoring offenders; and
- 3 3. Costs associated with purchase, implementation, and maintenance of those
- 4 technologies available to law enforcement for supervising or monitoring offenders.
- 5 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with
- 6 any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative
- 7 assembly.