

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021  
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the information technology department; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 54-46-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended in section 5 of House Bill No. 1528, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, relating to final disposition of records; to provide a transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the information technology department for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the information technology department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$101,734,629	\$2,637,257	\$104,371,886
Operating expenses	114,588,112	34,416,587	149,004,699
Capital assets	3,443,909	466,662	3,910,571
Statewide longitudinal data system	4,486,278	1,096,400	5,582,678
Edutech	9,691,939	472,369	10,164,308
K-12 wide area network	4,679,718	1,682,892	6,362,610
Geographic information system	1,101,806	106,086	1,207,892
Health information technology office	8,725,871	16,240	8,742,111
Statewide interoperable radio network	14,193,796	4,207,673	18,401,469
Broadband infrastructure	0	<u>148,250,000</u>	<u>148,250,000</u>
Total all funds	\$262,646,058	\$193,352,166	\$455,998,224
Less estimated income	<u>233,670,105</u>	<u>179,267,274</u>	<u>412,937,379</u>
Total general fund	\$28,975,953	\$14,084,892	\$43,060,845
Full-time equivalent positions	479.00	28.00	507.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Cybersecurity	\$6,500,000	\$0
Health information technology office	6,000,000	3,000,000
Broadband infrastructure grants	45,000,000	0
North Dakota stockmen's association grant	401,000	0
Enterprise digitization project	0	7,000,000
Call center software upgrade project	0	3,000,000
Governance, risk, and compliance costs	0	5,456,876
Customer relationship management program	0	5,000,000
Universal vulnerability management project	0	1,000,000
Capitol security upgrade and fiber replacement project	0	2,499,467
Inflationary increases	0	7,325,000
Statewide longitudinal data system	0	1,075,000
Broadband, equity, access, and deployment program	0	147,762,480

State and local cybersecurity grant program	0	487,520
Total all funds	\$57,901,000	\$183,606,343
Less estimated income	<u>57,901,000</u>	<u>179,093,823</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$4,512,520

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The information technology department shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 3. ESTIMATED INCOME - TRANSFER - HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLANNING LOAN FUND TO ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE FUND.**

Notwithstanding section 6-09-43, the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, which the Bank of North Dakota shall transfer, as requested by the chief information officer, from the health information technology planning loan fund to the electronic health information exchange fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the health information technology office and the health information network during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget shall make transfers of funds between line items in section 1 of this Act for the information technology department as may be requested by the chief information officer as determined necessary for the development and implementation of information technology projects. The department shall notify the legislative council of any transfers made pursuant to this section.

**SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**

The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$15,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, of which \$7,000,000 is for the enterprise digitization project, \$3,000,000 is for the call center software upgrade project, and \$5,000,000 is for the customer relationship management program.

**SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.**

The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$3,499,467 from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund, of which \$2,499,467 is for the capitol security software upgrade and fiber replacement project and \$1,000,000 is for the universal vulnerability management project.

**SECTION 7. ESTIMATED INCOME - CHOICE READY DASHBOARD EXPANSION PROJECT.**

The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$4,856,876 from the information technology department operating service fund for department of public instruction-related projects, of which \$300,000 is for a choice ready dashboard expansion project to allow schools to monitor student progress for graduation and report the results to the department of public instruction.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 54-46-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as amended in section 5 of House Bill No. 1528, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

- Each departmental agency shall maintain, for at least one year, data contained in electronic mail accounts and ~~personal file storage~~, for agency heads, state officers appointed by the governor under chapter 44-02, and elected executive branch officials.

**SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.**

The amount of \$45,000,000 appropriated from federal funds derived from the coronavirus capital projects fund for the broadband infrastructure grants program in section 9 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Special Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and is available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The information technology department shall

approve any grant application that includes the use or implementation of fiber-optic cable in the proposed service area unless fiber-optic cable currently serves the proposed service area.

**SECTION 10. EXEMPTION - BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS - FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

1. Notwithstanding section 9 of this Act, on October 1, 2023, the office of management and budget shall transfer any uncommitted federal coronavirus capital projects fund appropriation authority from the information technology department to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of defraying inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area career center initiative grant program during the 2021-23 biennium for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The appropriation authority transferred in this subsection may be spent by the department of career and technical education only if approval is received from the federal government.
2. If any funding in the federal coronavirus capital projects fund is available pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, the office of management and budget shall submit a state plan amendment to the United States Department of the Treasury to request a modification of the planned use of moneys in the federal coronavirus capital projects fund. If the federal government does not approve the state plan amendment to allow the department of career and technical education to use moneys in the federal coronavirus capital projects fund for multipurpose community facility inflationary costs, the office of management and budget shall transfer the uncommitted federal coronavirus capital projects fund appropriation authority to the information technology department for the purpose of providing broadband infrastructure grants pursuant to section 9 of this Act.
3. If the state plan amendment is approved, the department of career and technical education must distribute the funding transferred from the federal coronavirus capital projects fund to existing career academy projects proportionally based on funding allocations provided to each project during the 2021-23 biennium. If funding approved in this section is provided for a career academy project and the funding becomes uncommitted during the 2023-25 biennium, the department of career and technical education may redistribute the funding for existing projects under the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.
4. The department of career and technical education shall report to the legislative management during the 2023-24 interim and to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding the amount of inflationary funding provided for each project and the construction status of each project.
5. The office of management and budget shall report to the legislative management regarding any appropriation authority transferred under this section.

**SECTION 11. EXEMPTION - NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION BRANDING INSPECTION SYSTEM.** The amount of \$401,000 appropriated from federal funds derived from the state fiscal recovery fund for the purpose of providing a grant to the North Dakota stockmen's association for conversion of a paper-based brand inspection program to an electronic system in subsection 23 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and is available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.** Sections 9 and 10 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1021 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 76                      Nays 17                      Absent 1

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Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State