

Introduced by

Senator Holmberg

Representative Pollert

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to defray the expenses of the department of
2 human services for the modification of the department's eligibility systems; to provide an
3 exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
6 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$14,012,167, or so much of
7 the sum as may be necessary, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other
8 income, the sum of \$46,860,102, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
9 department of human services for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the modernization
10 of the department's eligibility systems, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending
11 June 30, 2017.

12 **SECTION 2. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the modification of the
13 department's eligibility systems in chapter 578 of the 2011 Special Session Laws is not subject
14 to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation approved
15 under section 54-44.1-11 for continuation into the 2013-15 biennium are available for the
16 completion of the modification of the eligibility systems project during the biennium beginning
17 July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

18 **SECTION 3. CHANGE IN FEDERAL FUNDING.** The department of human services shall
19 inform all vendors affiliated with the project modernizing the department's eligibility systems that
20 if federal funding is reduced or eliminated, the department will be required to request additional
21 state funding to complete the project and if additional state funding is not received, the project
22 would be discontinued.

23 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.