

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the transfer of the international business and trade office from the
3 department of commerce to the agriculture commissioner; and to repeal section 54-60-16 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the international business and trade office.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **International business and trade office - Advisory board.**

- 9 1. The commissioner shall administer the international business and trade office. The
10 purpose of the office is to assist North Dakota businesses expand exports to
11 international markets by:
12 a. Advocating for exporters;
13 b. Offering export educational opportunities to North Dakota businesses;
14 c. Researching and raising awareness of export opportunities, issues, and
15 challenges impacting North Dakota businesses;
16 d. Assisting North Dakota businesses in identifying, developing, and cultivating
17 international markets for products; and
18 e. Organizing and carrying out trade missions that seek to facilitate contact and
19 communication between North Dakota businesses and international markets.
20 2. The commissioner may designate a nonprofit corporation incorporated in this state
21 that has the primary purpose of assisting North Dakota exporters or contract with a
22 third party for the provision of services for the international business and trade office. If
23 the commissioner designates a nonprofit corporation or contracts with a third party
24 under this subsection, all data and databases collected and created by the third party

1 in performing services for the office are the property of the department and the third
2 party.

3 3. The commissioner may seek and accept any gift, grant, or donation of funds, property,
4 services, or other assistance from public or private sources for the purpose of
5 furthering the objectives of the international business and trade office.

6 4. The commissioner may establish an international business and trade office advisory
7 board with which the commissioner may consult in administering the international
8 business and trade office. Each member of the advisory board created under this
9 subsection is entitled to receive per diem compensation at a rate established by the
10 director not exceeding sixty-two dollars and fifty cents and reimbursement of expenses
11 as provided by law for state officers, while attending meetings or performing duties
12 directly related to board membership, except that per diem compensation under this
13 section may not be paid to any member who receives compensation or salary as a
14 regular state employee or official.

15 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Section 54-60-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.