Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state department of health; to amend and reenact section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to selection criteria for the veterinarian loan repayment program; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for legislative management studies.

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 state department of health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state department of health, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$54,757,510	$7,877,277	$62,634,787
Accrued leave payments	2,223,289	(2,223,289)	0
Operating expenses	37,305,014	6,961,674	44,266,688
Capital assets	2,224,288	1,494,944	3,719,232
Grants	57,510,729	451,031	57,961,760
Tobacco prevention	5,544,251	1,365,926	6,910,177
WIC food payments	24,659,861	(4,459,861)	20,200,000
Total all funds	$184,224,942	$11,467,702	$195,692,644
Less estimated income	139,303,434	4,867,530	144,170,964
Total general fund	$44,921,508	$6,600,172	$51,521,680
Full-time equivalent positions	354.00	11.00	365.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium and 2015-17 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2013-15	2015-17
Federal fiscal stimulus	$155,000	$0
EPA lawsuit contingency	500,000	0
Funding to contract for autopsies	480,000	0
Food and lodging licensing management system	110,000	0
Forensic examiner x-ray equipment	0	44,000
WIC system upgrade	0	1,712,110
Environmental equipment	0	780,000
Total all funds	$1,245,000	$2,536,110
Less estimated income	265,000	2,200,110
Total general fund	$980,000	$336,000

The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2017-19 biennium. The state department of health shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 3. ENVIRONMENT AND RANGELAND PROTECTION FUND. The estimated income line item included in section 1 of this Act includes $250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to be made available to the state department of health from the environment and rangeland protection fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. This amount includes $50,000 for a grant to the North Dakota stockmen's association environmental services program.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 43-29.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-29.1-03. Veterinarian selection criteria - Eligibility for loan repayment.

1. In establishing the criteria regarding eligibility for loan repayment funds under this chapter, the state health council shall consider the applicant's:

   a. Training in food animal veterinary medicine, ability, willingness to engage in food animal veterinary medicine, and the extent to which such services are needed in a selected community;

   b. Commitment to serve in a community that is in need of a veterinarian;

   c. Compatibility with a selected community;

   d. Date of availability for service to the selected community; and

   e. Competence and professional conduct.

2. An applicant selected to receive loan repayment funds under this chapter ~~must~~:

   a. ~~Have~~Must have graduated from an accredited college of veterinary medicine; ~~and~~

   b. ~~Be~~Must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this state; and

   c. Must be employed full-time in the private practice of veterinary medicine.

3. A selected applicant shall contract to provide full-time veterinary medicine services for two, three, or four years in one or more selected communities.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANTS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS. It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the funds provided for grants to local public health units in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, $250,000 from the general fund be made available for grants to local public health units serving non-oil-producing counties in the state during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT DISTRIBUTION. It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the sum of $7,500,000 provided for rural emergency medical services grants in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, at least eighty-five percent be distributed to emergency medical services providers that do not receive an oil impact grant during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CENTER. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the university of North Dakota acquiring the building that houses the university of North Dakota forensic pathology center. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WASTE MANAGEMENT. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying onsite sewage disposal in the

state, including areas of the state lacking environmental programs to address onsite sewage disposal, lack of uniform standards for disposal, regulation authority, and the impact of onsite sewage disposal and waste management on industry and the public. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1004.

House Vote:	Yeas 84	Nays 5	Absent 5
Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 2:40 P.M. on April 30, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 30th day of April, 2015,

at 3:53 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State