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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents; to amend and reenact subsection 6 of section 54-61-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the commission on legal counsel for indigents; and to provide for a report to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

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 other income, to the commission on legal counsel for indigents for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission on legal counsel for indigents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Commission on legal counsel for indigents	$14,304,404	$5,891,758	$20,196,162
Accrued leave payments	116,872	(116,872)	0
Total all funds	$14,421,276	$5,774,886	$20,196,162
Less special funds	2,497,866	(390,952)	2,106,914
Total general fund	$11,923,410	$6,165,838	$18,089,248
Full-time equivalent positions	33.00	7.00	40.00

SECTION 2. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - CONTRACT SERVICE FEES. The commission on legal counsel for indigents line item in section 1 of this Act, includes the sum of $200,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for contract service fees. The funding provided is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 6 of section 54-61-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6. A member of the commission is entitled to reimbursement for travel and expenses as provided by law for other state officers. If not otherwise employed by the state of North Dakota, a member is entitled to receive per diem compensation of sixty-two dollars and fifty cents for each day devoted to attending meetings or performing other duties relating to the official business of the commission. A member of the commission who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem compensation at the rate as provided under section 54-35-10 for each day devoted to attending meetings or performing other duties relating to the official business of the commission. The legislative council shall pay the per diem compensation and reimbursement for travel and expenses as provided by law for any member of the commission who is a member of the legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES - REPORT TO SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The commission on legal counsel for indigents shall report to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly regarding the effectiveness of limits and procedures used to ensure that defense services are provided only to indigent clients.

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. 1022.

House Vote:	Yeas 85	Nays 5	Absent 4
Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 7:50 P.M. on April 28, 2015.

Approved at 3:12 P.M. on April 29, 2015.

Governor

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

at 8:21 o'clock A M.

Secretary of State