

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1023
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system; to provide for a report; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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 from special funds from income to the public employees retirement system for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$6,652,604	\$556,456	\$7,209,060
Operating expenses	2,443,592	57,144	2,500,736
Capital assets	0	257,600	257,600
Contingencies	<u>250,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,346,196	\$871,200	\$10,217,396
Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	1.00	35.50

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
Information technology risk assessment	\$40,000	\$0
Upgrade business system software	190,000	0
Upgrade benefit enrollment system	0	104,500
Upgrade PERSLink business system	<u>0</u>	<u>257,600</u>
Total special funds	\$230,000	\$362,100

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The public employees retirement system shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HEALTH INSURANCE FERTILITY BENEFITS. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of expanding fertility benefits under the public employees retirement system uniform group insurance health benefits as a precursor under section 54-03-28 to mandating the fertility benefits for health insurance in the private market. The study must include a public employees retirement system actuarial study of the cost of expanding the fertility benefits of the state health plan and must include consideration of the positive and negative aspects of mandating fertility benefits for health insurance in the private market. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.

Kim A. Hoffelner
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

Buel F. Reisch
Chief Clerk of the House

Manda Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1023.

House Vote: Yeas 79 Nays 12 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

Buel F. Reisch
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 2:50 P.M. on April 30, 2021.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 3rd day of May, 2021,

at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Alvin D. Corgan
Secretary of State