

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1415
(Representatives Kiefert, K. Anderson, Heinert, Ostlie, Rohr, Satrom)
(Senators Conley, Wanzek)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation to the attorney general for a law enforcement staffing grant program; and to provide for a legislative management study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING GRANT PROGRAM - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$29,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of awarding grants to any local police department located in a community that has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of registered sex offenders living in that community in order to hire additional law enforcement staff, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Eligible expenditures under the program include costs related to salaries and overtime, training, and purchases of equipment for existing and newly hired law enforcement staff. The attorney general shall establish guidelines to provide grants under the program. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SEXUAL PREDATOR TASK FORCE. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a multijurisdictional sexual predator task force. The study must include input from stakeholders, including representatives from law enforcement, regarding the need for or desire to have a sexual predator task force. The study also must include an analysis of interagency coordination. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth 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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1415.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 2 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 32 Nays 15 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State