PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1023

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system; to provide for a transfer; to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-02-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employees retirement system payments; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide for legislative intent.

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 derived 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$6,315,360	$8,263	$6,323,623
Operating expenses	2,753,643	(132,844)	2,620,799
Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
Total special funds	$9,319,003	($124,581)	$9,194,422
Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	(1.00)	33.50

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The salaries and wages line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of $102,885 from other funds for increases in employee health insurance premiums from $1,130 to $1,249 per month.

SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium:

One-Time Funding Description	2015-17	2017-19
Public employees retirement system - temporary salaries	$100,000	$0
Desktop support services	77,370	0
Total special funds	$177,370	$0

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. The public employees retirement system office may transfer from their contingencies line item in section 1 of this Act to all other line items. The agency shall notify the office of management and budget of each transfer made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 5. A new subsection to section 54-52-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

The board shall establish policies and implement procedures to make and collect payments in the most cost-effective manner, including the use of electronic transfer of funds.

SECTION 6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY. During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the powers and duties of the public employees retirement system's retirement board, including the board's fiduciary duties; the administrative structure of the public employees retirement system, including the feasibility and desirability of changing this structure; the powers and duties of the employee benefits programs committee, including the feasibility and desirability of increasing the committee's oversight of the public employees retirement system; the feasibility and desirability of implementing a self-funded insurance plan; and the feasibility and desirability of changing the contract bidding process to every two years. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS. It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the public employees retirement system office create operating efficiencies when feasible by discontinuing the distribution of paper materials, including newsletters and benefit statements. It is further the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the public employees retirement system office develop procedures to electronically distribute materials or provide access to materials through member self-service website applications."

Renumber accordingly