

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2017
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings;
and to authorize a line of credit.

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 from special funds, to the office of administrative hearings for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$113,239	\$1,559,929
New and vacant FTE pool	0	16,570	16,570
Operating expenses	<u>1,582,392</u>	<u>(3,141)</u>	<u>1,579,251</u>
Total special funds	\$3,029,082	\$126,668	\$3,155,750
Full-time equivalent positions	5.00	0.00	5.00

SECTION 2. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The office of administrative hearings may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

SECTION 3. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA LINE OF CREDIT - AGENCY CASHFLOW NEEDS. The office of administrative hearings may borrow up to \$150,000 from the Bank of North Dakota through a line of credit to manage agency cashflow needs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The interest rate on the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities. The office of administrative hearings shall repay the line of credit with available funding from the administrative hearings fund.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2017.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 3 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State