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## 68th Legislature Passes Senate Bill 2024

On April 24, 2023, the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislature passes Senate Bill 2024 providing the ND Ethics Commission's 2023-25 biennial budget, key provisions of the bill include the following:

- Provides \$1,138,242 in general funds, an increase of \$514,258 from the 2021-23 biennial base budget of \$623,984.
- Provides a new FTE for an Attorney II which will also serve as an Education and Training Coordinator for the Commission.
- Provides a new FTE for an Executive Assistant, replacing a current temporary Executive Assistant/Office Manager.
- Provides one-time costs of \$72,000 for ongoing Special Assistant Attorney General costs.
- Provides one-time costs of \$25,000 for office relocation to the State Capitol with a June 2023 target date.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study for the feasibility and desirability of establishing a rate structure to offset the operating expenses of the ND Ethics Commission.