

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1547**

Introduced by

Representatives Richter, Conmy, Jonas, Mitskog, Nelson, Novak, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Axtman, Beard, Davison, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create a committee to study special education funding during the 2025-26  
2 interim; and to provide for a legislative management report.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE - REPORT TO**  
5 **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

6 1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall establish and provide  
7 staffing and administrative services to a committee to study special education funding.

8 The chairman of legislative management may add temporary, nonvoting members to  
9 the committee, as deemed necessary by the committee, to serve without  
10 compensation.

11 2. The committee may include:

12 a. Eight members of the legislative assembly, four members from the house of  
13 representatives and four members from the senate, appointed by the legislative  
14 management;

15 b. Two multi-unit special education directors;

16 c. One large school special education director;

17 d. One special education coordinator;

18 e. One superintendent of a large school;

19 f. One superintendent of a small or midsize school;

20 g. One business manager of a large school; and

21 h. One multi-unit special education business manager.

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- 1           3.    During the 2025-26 interim, the special education funding committee study must
- 2                   include a comprehensive review of special education funding models, including
- 3                   student contracts, high-cost students, residential placement, and reimbursement under
- 4                   the Medicaid program.
- 5           4.    The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
- 6                   legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative
- 7                   assembly.