

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1547
(Representatives Richter, Conmy, Jonas, Mitskog, Nelson, Novak, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators Axtman, Beard, Davison, Mathern)

AN ACT to create a committee to study special education funding during the 2025-26 interim; and to provide for a legislative management report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a committee to study special education funding. The chairman of legislative management may add temporary, nonvoting members to the committee, as deemed necessary by the committee, to serve without compensation.
2. The committee may include:
 - a. Eight members of the legislative assembly, four members from the house of representatives and four members from the senate, appointed by the legislative management;
 - b. Two multi-unit special education directors;
 - c. One large school special education director;
 - d. One special education coordinator;
 - e. One superintendent of a large school;
 - f. One superintendent of a small or midsize school;
 - g. One business manager of a large school; and
 - h. One multi-unit special education business manager.
3. During the 2025-26 interim, the special education funding committee study must include a comprehensive review of special education funding models, including student contracts, high-cost students, residential placement, and reimbursement under the Medicaid program.
4. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth 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-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1547.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 5 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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