

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES**

Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, 2000

School for the Blind  
Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Developmental Center  
Grafton, North Dakota

**Monday, March 13, 2000 - School for the Blind, 500 Stanford Road, Grand Forks**

8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting

**BUDGET TOUR**

8:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the School for the Blind regarding its current budget, programs and services, number of clients, and anticipated budget needs for the 2001-03 biennium

9:00 a.m. Tour of the School for the Blind

**CONSOLIDATING VISION SERVICES**

10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of bill drafts that:

- Clarify that the School for the Blind is responsible for serving persons of all ages with visual impairments
- Consolidate vision services provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division under the School for the Blind
- Consolidate the School for the Blind under the Department of Human Services
- Consolidate the School for the Blind and vision services provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division under a separate agency

10:30 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the bill drafts

10:45 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the bill drafts

11:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of the School for the Blind regarding the bill drafts

11:15 a.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons regarding the bill drafts and the vision services study

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**BUDGET TOUR**

12:30 p.m. Travel to the Northeast Human Service Center, Suite 401, 151 South Fourth Street, Grand Forks

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Northeast Human Service Center regarding the center's budget, programs and services, number of clients served, and anticipated budget needs for the 2001-03 biennium

2:00 p.m. Tour of the Northeast Human Service Center

### **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the nursing facilities alternative grants and loans provided for in 1999 Senate Bill No. 2168 and on the department's plans for continuing the program during the 2001-03 biennium, including any related statutory changes
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the status of the establishment of a traumatic brain-injured (TBI) facility in western North Dakota, the status of funding for services provided by the facility, how the facility will affect the moratorium on the number of beds, and on any recommended statutory changes
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Housing, Industry, and Training (HIT), Inc., on the proposed budget for its TBI facility in Mandan
- 4:15 p.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of Alzheimer's and related dementia projects and on any statutory changes needed to continue these projects in the future
- 4:45 p.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

**Tuesday, March 14, 2000 - East Dining Room, Nutrition Services Building, Developmental Center, West Sixth Street, Grafton**

### **BUDGET TOUR**

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Developmental Center regarding the current status of its 1999-2001 biennium budget, programs and services, number of patients, and anticipated budget and capital improvement needs for the 2001-03 biennium

### **COLLOCATING THE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER AND STATE HOSPITAL**

- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the feasibility and desirability of collocating the State Hospital and the Developmental Center at one location, including the additional costs and capital improvements that would be required to house the State Hospital patients and programs at the Developmental Center
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Developmental Center regarding services provided for persons with traumatic brain injury at the Developmental Center and related costs
- 10:15 a.m. Comments by committee members and other interested persons
- 10:30 a.m. Tour of the Developmental Center
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 12:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives Merle Boucher (Chairman), LeRoy G. Bernstein, Jeff Delzer, Rod Froelich, William E. Gorder, Scot Kelsh, Joe Kroeber, Ralph Metcalf, Chet Pollert  
Senators David E. Nething, Harvey Sand, Wayne Stenehjem, Harvey D. Tallackson