

TITLE 12
Corrections, Parole, and Probation
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 12.

[Senate Bill No. 2348](#) authorizes the State Department of Health to request the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct criminal history background checks for applicants for initial licensure for emergency medical services personnel.

TITLE 15.1
Elementary and Secondary Education
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 15.1.

[**House Bill No. 1507**](#) requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to collaborate with workforce development stakeholders and the Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Education Coordination Council to determine how best to integrate computer science and cybersecurity into the K-12 curriculum. The bill also requires the Superintendent to report to Legislative Management regarding the outcome of this collaboration before September 1, 2022.

[**House Bill No. 1508**](#) requires school districts to ensure the instruction of its curriculum is factual, objective, and aligned to content standards. The bill also prohibits a school district from including instruction on critical race theory in the district's curriculum.

[**Senate Bill No. 2350**](#) amends the North Dakota career and technical education scholarship eligibility requirements to allow students to complete one unit of integrated mathematics II or integrated mathematics III to satisfy the mathematics requirement. The bill also amends an education pathway eligibility requirement for the scholarship to require one unit in teaching profession and educational methodology rather than two units.

TITLE 16.1
Elections
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 16.1.

[**House Bill No. 1513**](#) authorizes state party chairs to appoint temporary district party organization chairs in new districts or districts without committees after legislative redistricting. The bill also requires certain districts to organize or reorganize after legislative redistricting. A district is required to organize or reorganize if it consists of an entirely different geographic area than the district with the same number had before redistricting or if any new geographic area added to the district contains more than 25 percent of the district's 2020 population.

TITLE 21
Governmental Finance
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 21.

[House Bill No. 1512](#) authorizes the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board to develop guidelines for eligible equity investments of the principal of the legacy fund; increases the membership of the board to include three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, the President of the Bank of North Dakota, the Tax Commissioner, the Insurance Commissioner, and the State Treasurer; and removed the Director of the Office of Management and Budget from the board.

[Senate Bill No. 2345](#) directs the State Investment Board to invest the money in the water projects stabilization fund.

TITLE 23
Health and Safety
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 23.

[House Bill No. 1511](#), under the immunization data law, prohibits the State Department of Health from creating electronic machine-readable code or a vaccine passport. The bill also amends the law relating to vaccination and infection documentation to apply specifically to documentation of an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status, the presence of COVID-19 antibodies, or an individual's COVID-19 post-transmission recovery status; revise the application of the law to governmental entities so the limitations apply to childhood immunization laws and immunization data laws but do not apply to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, a correctional facility, the State Hospital, or a public health unit; and to apply the limitations on private businesses regarding COVID-19 documentation to private businesses doing business in this state, but limit the application so the limitations do not apply to developmental disability residential facilities, health care providers, or nonprofit entities that do not sell a product or service.

[Senate Bill No. 2348](#) authorizes the State Department of Health to require an applicant for emergency medical services personnel to submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check.

TITLE 27
Judicial Branch of Government
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 27.

[Senate Bill No. 2345](#) authorizes the Information Technology Department to have access to juvenile court files and records for use in the statewide longitudinal data system and authorizes juvenile services agreements between the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Supreme Court, and the Indian Affairs Commission and tribal governments. The bill also extends the date through which juvenile services cooperative agreements may be entered to July 31, 2023.

TITLE 34
Labor and Employment
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 34.

[House Bill No. 1511](#) provides if an employer or contractor requires an employee, prospective employee, or independent contractor to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a term of employment or the term of a contract, the employer or contractor must recognize proof of antibodies as complying with this requirement, must allow for periodic testing as an exemption from the vaccination requirement, must allow an exemption for medical reasons, and must allow an exemption based on a religious, philosophical, or moral belief. The bill provides an exemption for an employer or contractor required to comply with federal law, rules, or guidance relating to requirements for vaccination for COVID-19.

TITLE 43
Occupations and Professions
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
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This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 43.

[House Bill No. 1514](#) provides the board of nursing, board of pharmacy, and board of medicine may not take disciplinary action against a prescriber or a pharmacist solely for the act of prescribing or dispensing Ivermectin for the off-label treatment or prevention of COVID-19.

TITLE 46
Printing Laws
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 46.

[Senate Bill No. 2347](#) provides the Legislative Assembly a new option for acquiring printing services. The bill authorizes the Legislative Assembly to enter an agreement with Central Duplicating Services within the Office of Management and Budget for printing services, including printing legislative session materials. The bill does not remove the Legislative Assembly's option of soliciting bids from private printing services providers.

TITLE 48
Public Buildings
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 48.

[Senate Bill No. 2349](#) provides the Legislative Council with oversight over the Coteau Room, Sheyenne River Room, judicial wing room 216, and judicial wing rooms 327 B, C, and E during the interim between legislative sessions.

TITLE 50
Public Welfare
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 50.

[Senate Bill No. 2348](#) provides the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is not required to participate in the behavioral health bed management system.

TITLE 53
Sports and Amusements
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 53.

[House Bill No. 1509](#) imposes a separate tax rate for licensed organizations permitted to conduct raffles with adjusted gross proceeds exceeding \$50,000. The tax is imposed at a rate of 1 percent of gross proceeds received by the licensed organization from raffles in a quarter. The tax replaces the 12 percent tax previously applied to these organizations on gross proceeds exceeding \$50,000. The tax applies retroactively to raffles conducted after June 30, 2021.

TITLE 54
State Government
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 54.

[House Bill No. 1504](#) establishes 47 legislative districts, including subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9, and provides for staggering of terms of members of the Legislative Assembly. The bill also repeals the current legislative redistricting plan and staggering of terms provisions.

TITLE 57
Taxation
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 57.

[**House Bill No. 1515**](#) provides an income tax credit against a resident taxpayer's net income tax liability for tax years 2021 and 2022. A taxpayer must file an income tax return and incur tax liability in the taxable year to receive the credit. The credit may be applied to offset up to \$350 of individual income tax liability per year for individuals, or up to \$700 of individual income tax liability per year for married couples filing a joint return. Any credit amount exceeding a taxpayer's income tax liability may not be refunded to the taxpayer or carried forward or backward to offset future or past income tax liability. The estimated cost of the credit for the 2021-23 biennium is \$211 million.

[**Senate Bill No. 2351**](#) provides an income tax deduction for Social Security benefits taxed on an individual's federal income tax return. The bill removes the thresholds requiring an individual to have \$50,000 or less in federal adjusted gross income if single or \$100,000 or less in federal adjusted gross income if married before the deduction could be claimed. The bill also makes a technical correction to the marriage penalty credit by removing language now obsolete as a result of the change. The estimated cost of the credit for the 2021-23 biennium is \$14.6 million.

TITLE 61
Waters
Summary of Bills Enacted by 2021 Legislative Assembly
2021 Special Session

This memorandum summarizes 2021 special session legislation affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 61.

[Senate Bill No. 2345](#) creates a water projects stabilization fund to be used for defraying planning and construction expenses of water-related projects.