

SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - SERVICES TO STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08 interim, the provision of services to children and adults who are deaf or hearing-impaired, including the role of the North Dakota school for the deaf in the provision of educational and rehabilitative services, the short-term and long-term viability of existing state facilities, and alternative approaches that might enhance the scope and breadth of service availability. The study, if conducted, must include the feasibility of combining the administration and delivery of services of the school for the deaf with other area school districts, educational associations governed by joint powers agreements, special education units, and North Dakota vision services - school for the blind. The study should examine alternative uses for the buildings on the school for the deaf campus beyond the scope of the school's present mission. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.