

6. Authorized ongoing information technology projects.

#### **SECTION 5. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - REQUIRED REPORTS.**

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  - a. During the 2009-10 interim, the state board of higher education shall compile by campus information regarding the salaries, benefits, and total compensation of higher education instructional personnel having master's degrees.
  - b. The state board of higher education shall compare the information required by subdivision a with the salaries, benefits, and total compensation of teachers who have master's degrees and who are employed by the school district headquartered in the same city as that in which each institution of higher education is located. The comparison should reflect a comparable nine- to ten-month employment contract.
2. During the 2009-10 interim, the state board of higher education shall compile by campus information regarding the number of students who are enrolled only in courses delivered electronically to a site not on the campus, the types of courses delivered in this manner, and demographic information regarding the students enrolled in such courses.
3. During the 2009-10 interim, the state board of higher education shall compile by campus information regarding the number of students who have not yet graduated from high school but who are enrolled in higher education courses offered for credit.
4. The state board of higher education shall provide the information required by this section to the legislative council at the time and in the manner directed by the council.

#### **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - HIGHER EDUCATION.**

1. The legislative council shall consider appointing a higher education committee for the 2009-10 interim. If appointed, the committee shall spend a majority of time studying the means by which the North Dakota university system can further contribute to developing and attracting the human capital to meet North Dakota's economic and workforce needs, and if time allows, the committee may visit select higher education institutions. If the legislative council appoints a committee to study issues related to higher education during the 2009-10 interim, the council shall include on the committee the chairman of the house education committee or the chairman's designee and the chairman of the senate education committee or the chairman's designee.
2. The study must focus on ways to increase postsecondary access, improve the quality of education, contain costs and other means, including productivity, to maximize the usage of the North Dakota university system in meeting the human capital needs of the state.
3. The study must include a review of policy recommendations, as appropriate, which address the postsecondary delivery system, including the mix of institutions, education attainment gaps, degree production gaps, recruitment and retention of students, and workforce training needs.
4. The study must include a review of the impact of the state's changing demographics on the university system's long-term financing plan.
5. The study must recommend goals for each of the higher education cornerstones.
6. The study may include the use of higher education roundtable format.
7. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.