



EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Due to public health considerations and in accordance with Executive Order 2020-16, a meeting room will not be available for this meeting. The meeting will be held by teleconference and committee members will receive sign-in or call-in information at least 1 day before the meeting. A live stream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <http://video.legis.nd.gov>. Written comments regarding the committee's agenda topics may be submitted to smsandness@nd.gov.

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the January 8, 2020, meeting
- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the transfer of school district funds from the building fund to the general fund
- 9:10 a.m. Committee discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regarding:
- Funding provided through the state school aid formula by school district for the 2019-20 school year and estimated funding for the 2020-21 school year, including the percent each source--property tax, local revenue, and state funding--represents in the total formula calculation;
 - A review of the South Dakota sparsity payment formula and a map of North Dakota schools that would not qualify for funding under the sparsity payment formula, including reasons the schools would not qualify; and
 - A summary of reasons school districts continue to receive transition minimum payments
- 10:20 a.m. Committee discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders regarding:
- Potential changes to the school size weighting factors;
 - A map and listing of isolated but necessary schools based on the 25-mile criteria;
 - A map and listing of K-6 and K-8 school districts, including 2019-20 state school aid funding per student, and proximity to high school districts;
 - The impact of funding adjustments for K-6 and K-8 school district models; and
 - The impact of prohibiting K-6 and K-8 school districts in North Dakota
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

- 11:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to reimbursement for elementary and secondary education transportation costs
- 11:55 a.m. Comments submitted by interested persons
- 12:00 noon Committee discussion

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 12:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of DPI regarding a financial transparency update
- 12:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of DPI of an annual report regarding the financial condition of school districts pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-02-09
- 12:40 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Joan Heckaman, Nicole Poolman, David S. Rust

Representatives: David Monson, Marvin E. Nelson, Mark S. Owens, Mark Sanford

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