

SB 2284 – amendment for Rep. Schreiber-Beck

HEADING: School Choice Model Task Force

ESTABLISHMENT: During the 2023-24 interim, legislative management shall establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a school choice model task force. The establishment of the task force shall be facilitated by a nonpartisan leadership organization. The task force may include public and nonpublic school administrators or teachers, members of the legislative assembly, parents of school age children, representatives from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, a representative from North Dakota governor's office, a representative from regional education association and any additional representative(s) determined by the facilitator.

OBJECTIVE: During the 2023-24 interim, the school choice model task force shall:

- a. Review regulations and accountability by state regulatory agencies in school choice models;
- b. Identify the impact of school choice models in a rural state;
- c. Identify other rural states who have implemented non-traditional school models;
- d. Study the fiscal impact of enrollment fluctuation on the possible savings on K-12 public school funding formula;
- e. Review the operational aspects of high school coursework (including CTE, CDE, choice-ready, etc.) in other rural states and in North Dakota;
- f. Assess equity for rural school districts in school choice models;
- g. Study current student population in conjunction with capacity of nonpublic schools, service to students with special needs, and tuition costs;
- h. Study school choice models across U.S. K-12 systems, but not limited only to charter schools, magnet schools, voucher systems, and educational savings accounts;
- i. Review comparisons of academic and non-academic achievement between other states (public vs. charter; public vs. magnet; money follows the student, impact of vouchers, etc.

REPORT: The school choice task force shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.