



The Council

Special Education Funding Committee

On March 4, the Special Education Funding Committee held its third meeting of the interim. The committee heard testimony from representatives of North Dakota United and the North Dakota Special Education Collective. The testimony described the results of a survey of special education professionals in the state which included questions about the impact of paperwork requirements, workload, student and staff safety, and paraprofessional management on special education teacher retention. Respondents reported a lack of adequate time and resources to meet all the requirements of the profession and the individualized needs of students. One respondent noted school districts face difficulty in maintaining appropriate staffing, manageable caseloads, and competitive compensation with current funding and an increase in special education funding would directly impact sustainability and retention of special education teachers. Educational professionals also provided testimony related to their personal experiences working in special education. Representatives from the South Dakota Department of Education provided information related to special education funding in South Dakota.



Upcoming Meetings

March

- 12 Administrative Rules
- 17 Tax Reform and Relief Advisory
- 18 Budget Section
(including divisions)
- 19 Government Finance
(including subcommittees)
- 24 Legislative Audit and
Fiscal Review
Advanced Nuclear Energy
- 25 Legislative Task Force on
Government Efficiency
Higher Education Funding Review
- 26 Water Topics Overview
Information Technology
- 31 Agriculture and
Water Management

April

- 1 Education
Judiciary
- 8-9 Higher Education Institutions
- 13 Child Custody Review Task Force

May

- 7 Employee Benefits Programs