

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

2023-24 Interim

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

(19 members)

Duties and Studies

Study and review administrative rules and related statutes. (NDCC § 54-35-02.6)

Approve extension of time for administrative agencies to adopt rules. (NDCC § 28-32-07)

Establish standard procedures for administrative agency compliance with notice requirements of proposed rulemaking. (NDCC § 28-32-10)

Establish procedure to distribute copies of administrative agency filings of notice of proposed rulemaking. (NDCC § 28-32-10)

Determine whether an administrative rule is void. (NDCC § 28-32-18)

Receive notice of appeal of an administrative agency's rulemaking action. (NDCC § 28-32-42)

Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing service awards to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-32)

Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing state agencies to provide employer-paid costs of training or educational courses to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-33)

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(20 members)

Studies

2365 § 1 Study the roles of the Insurance Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services, and Department of Water Resources in relation to the tracking and updating of the relevant primary land use authority on lands outside a municipality's jurisdiction. The study must include a method of tracking all organized townships within the state and maintaining updated contact information, certified annually by December 31st; consider a formal process for organized townships to request, establish, and track the yielding of land use authority to an adjacent jurisdiction; consider how insurance producers access the necessary information, including updated contact information of the authority, to appropriately associate potential insurance policyholders with the relevant land use authority for the purposes of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's national flood insurance program; and consider how a member of the public may access the relevant land use authority associated with a specific parcel of land.

2371 § 4 Study the number of persons that own or control any real estate or commercial assets or operate a business within this state which is owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of foreign adversaries or individuals acting on behalf of or in conjunction with foreign adversaries or persons listed on the Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions list. The study must attempt to craft a definition of foreign adversary and ascertain the number of such persons residing in this state which operate a business or a charitable enterprise or have obtained a beneficial interest in real estate, commercial assets, or a business or charitable organization in this state. The study must consider which federal foreign adversary list would be best suited for use for the security of this state and the impact of implementing and using a federally created list. The study must determine how to define, create, and implement a security review verification system that monitors and reviews the actions of foreign adversaries that operate a business or a charitable enterprise or have obtained a beneficial interest in real estate, commercial assets, or a business or charitable organization in this state. The study must identify optimal methods for state officials to work and collaborate with national intelligence agents at the state and federal level regarding background checks, national security, and state security; outline what constitutes a national security threat and which person or agency has the authority to declare a national security threat and security threat to this state; identify which state agencies are best equipped to create, implement, and operate a security review verification system that monitors and reviews foreign adversaries operating a business or a charitable enterprise or that have obtained a beneficial interest in real estate, commercial assets, or a business or charitable organization in this state; identify the proper structure and function of a security review verification system; identify the individuals and persons eligible to operate a business or a charitable enterprise or that have obtained a beneficial interest in real estate, commercial assets, or a business or charitable organization in this state, under the security review verification system; and identify other necessary changes to current industry practices relating to ownership of real property or commercial assets and the operation of business or charitable entities by a foreign adversary. The study also must include under which circumstances, if any, foreign adversaries are prohibited from owning real property in this state, and under which circumstances, if any, foreign adversaries are permitted to own real property in this state.

2009 § 22 Study plans for mitigation of adverse wildlife and environmental impacts and monetary payments made to state agencies, contractors, nongovernmental organizations, and others by applicants or other persons for mitigation during the siting and operation of energy conversion or transmission facilities. The study must include consideration of the provisions of law that affect the ability of developers to effectively mitigate adverse wildlife habitat and environmental impacts, applicant payments used for the purchase of perpetual or nonperpetual conservation easements, the distinction between an adverse direct environmental effect or an adverse indirect environmental effect, methods to monetarily quantify adverse direct or adverse indirect environmental effects, and alternative programs that may be used or developed for the mitigation of adverse wildlife and environmental effects.

Reports

Receive a report from the Model Zoning Review Task Force on the development of a new or updated model zoning ordinance related to animal feeding operations. (2023 House Bill No. 1423 § 4) (NDCC § 4.1-01-XX)

Receive a biennial report from the Agriculture Commissioner regarding environmental impact mitigation fund disbursements. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2009 § 17) (NDCC § 4.1-01-21.1(6))

Receive a report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education on its annual evaluation of research activities and expenditures. (NDCC § 15-12.1-17(8))

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- Olson, SuAnn
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- Wanzek, Terry M.
- Weber, Mark F.
- Weston, Kent

BUDGET SECTION

(48 members)

Duties

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of the Governor's expenditure of federal funds accepted by the Governor's office. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2001 § 3)

Approve any Department of Transportation project that utilizes more than \$10 million from the flexible transportation fund, except for projects that match federal or private funds and the amount utilized from the fund is 50 percent or less of total project costs. Any request considered by the Budget Section must comply with Section 54-35-02.9. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 31 & House Bill No. 1012 § 10) (NDCC § 24-02-37.3)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of requests by the Department of Water Resources to increase carryover spending authority of funds appropriated in the 2021-23 biennium into the 2023-25 biennium. (2023 House Bill No. 2020 § 21)

Approve payment by the State Water Commission to the Bank of North Dakota in the amount of the default certified to the Budget Section by the Bank of North Dakota if the Western Area Water Supply Authority defaults on its payment of principal or interest on the infrastructure revolving loan under the new section to Chapter 61-40. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2196 § 2)

Review and report on budget data prepared by the Director of the Budget.

Approve any purchase of commercial or residential property by the Board of University and School Lands as sole owner. (NDCC § 15-03-04)

Authorize the State Board of Higher Education to authorize building construction or campus improvements and building maintenance of more than \$700,000, if financed by donations. (NDCC § 15-10-12.1)

Approve a comprehensive statewide land acquisition plan established by the Director of the Game and Fish Department and every land acquisition of more than 10 acres or exceeding \$10,000 by the Game and Fish Department. (NDCC § 20.1-02-05.1)

Authorize the Game and Fish Department to spend money in the game and fish fund if the balance would be reduced below \$15 million. (NDCC § 20.1-02-16.1)

Authorize the Life Skills and Transition Center to provide services under contract with a governmental or nongovernmental person. (NDCC § 25-04-02.2)

Approve a waiver of exemption of state property in a city from special assessments levied for flood control purposes. (NDCC § 40-23-22.1)

Approve the change or expansion of, or any additional expenditure for, a state building construction project approved by the Legislative Assembly, but if within 6 months before or 3 months after a regular session the authorization is limited to changes in project scope and related expenditures resulting from an unforeseen emergency event. (NDCC § 48-01.2-25)

Approve the termination of the federal food stamp or energy assistance program. (NDCC § 50-06-05.1)

Approve the purchase or lease of an airworthy aircraft not otherwise replacing an aircraft with only insurance proceeds by a state agency or entity of state government, other than the Adjutant General or the University of North Dakota School of Aviation, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session. (NDCC § 54-06-37)

Approve transfers of money or spending authority which would eliminate or make impossible accomplishment of a program or objective funded by the Legislative Assembly. (NDCC § 54-16-04(1))

Approve transfers exceeding \$50,000 from one fund or line item to another unless necessary to comply with a court order or to avoid imminent threat to safety or imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-04(2))

Approve, with the Emergency Commission, acceptance of any federal funds made available to the state which are not for a specific purpose or program and which are not required to be spent before the next regular legislative session for deposit in a special fund until the Legislative Assembly appropriates the funds. (NDCC § 54-16-04.1(4))

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's acceptance of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-04.1)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's expenditure of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-04.1)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's acceptance of funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-04.2)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's expenditure of funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-04.2)

Approve, on the advice of the Office of Management and Budget and the recommendation of the Emergency Commission, a state officer to employ full-time equivalent positions in addition to those authorized by the Legislative Assembly. (NDCC § 54-16-04.3)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of transfer of spending authority from the state contingencies appropriation in excess of \$50,000 if the transfer is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state. (NDCC § 54-16-09)

Approve use of the preliminary planning revolving fund. (NDCC § 54-27-22)

Approve use of cashflow financing. (NDCC § 54-27-23)

Consider specific actions, projects, and transfers. (NDCC § 54-35-02.9)

Prescribe the form of budget information prepared by the Director of the Budget. (NDCC § 54-44.1-07)

Object to any allotment by the Director of the Budget, any expenditure of a budget unit, or any failure to make an allotment or expenditure if the action or failure to act is contrary to legislative intent. (NDCC § 54-44.1-12.1)

Approve the reduction of budgets due to initiative or referendum action. (NDCC § 54-44.1-13.1)

Approve execution by the Information Technology Department of proposed agreement to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services in excess of \$1 million. (NDCC § 54-59-05(4))

Approve any donation from funds the donor has not designated or conditioned the use of for a specific purpose to the state parks gift fund in excess of \$50,000. (NDCC 55-08-07.2)

Authorize establishment of casualty insurance organization to provide extraterritorial workforce safety and insurance. (NDCC § 65-08.1-02)

Hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress. (2023 House Concurrent Resolution No. 3001)

Reports

Receive a report from the Legislative Council regarding the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool including information on new FTE positions, including the date hired; vacant FTE positions, including the dates the positions are vacated and filled; and additional salaries and wages funding needed due to savings from vacant positions being less than anticipated. (2023 House Bill No.1001 § 6)

Receive a report from the Supreme Court regarding the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool including information on new FTE positions, including the date hired; vacant FTE positions, including the dates the positions are vacated and filled; and additional salaries and wages funding needed due to savings from vacant positions being less than anticipated. (2023 House Bill No.1002 § 5)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services after June 30, 2024, on any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 between line items within Section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 (2023), subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2023), and any other appropriation authority for the Department of Health and Human Services approved by the 68th Legislative Assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 House Bill No.1004 § 3)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services after June 30, 2024, on any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 between line items within Section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 (2023), subdivisions 1, 2, and 3 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2023), and any other appropriation authority for the Department of Health and Human Services approved by the 68th Legislative Assembly to subdivision 4 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2023), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 House Bill No.1004 § 4)

Receive a report from the Council on the Arts after June 30, 2024, on any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 between line items in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1010 (2023). (2023 House Bill No. 1010 § 5)

Receive periodic reports from the Director of the Department of Transportation on the status of the flexible transportation fund and any projects receiving allocations from the fund. (2023 House Bill No.1012 § 10) (NDCC § 24-02-37.3)

Receive an annual report from the State Board of Higher Education on adjustments to full-time equivalent positions. (2023 House Bill No.1020 § 10)

Receive an annual report from the Department of Health and Human Service on the status of the opioid settlement fund and of spending decisions made by the department and political subdivisions under the new chapter to Title 50. Each political subdivision that recovers and retains moneys as a result of opioid litigation is required to submit to the department an annual report detailing the decisions of the governing body of the political subdivision regarding use of the moneys. (2023 House Bill No.1447 § 3) (NDCC § 50-XX-XX)

Receive a report from the Governor regarding the source, amount, and purpose of any additional income from other funds, excluding federal funds, which become available to the Governor's Office during the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2001 § 3).

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services after June 30, 2024, on any transfer made in excess of \$50,000 between line items within subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2023), Section 1 of House Bill No. 1004 (2023), and any remaining appropriation authority for the Department of Health and Human Services approved by

the 68th Legislative Assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2012 § 5)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the transfer on December 1, 2024, of any uncommitted federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund appropriation authority from the state agency that received the appropriation authority to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the transfer of any uncommitted accumulated interest and earnings of the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 10)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the statewide plan for providing targeted market equity compensation adjustments to executive branch state employees, any changes to the plan presented to the 68th Legislative Assembly, and the appropriation authority transferred from the targeted market equity pool. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 20)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget at each meeting of the Budget Section regarding salaries and wages, vacant position information, and the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 22).

Receive a report from the State Retirement and Investment Office each interim regarding the status of the incentive compensation program for full-time equivalent investment and fiscal operations positions, including the provisions of the program; the total amount of incentives paid out to employees each year; and the minimum, maximum, and average payout per eligible full-time equivalent position. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2022 § 5) (NDCC § 54-52.5-XX)

Receive a report from the State Retirement and Investment Office before implementation of the incentive compensation program and after approval of the program by the State Investment Board regarding the provisions of the incentive compensation program for full-time equivalent investment and fiscal operations positions. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2022 § 7)

Receive a report from the Legislative Council staff in the fall of 2024 on the status of the state's federal funds receipts for the current biennium and estimated federal funds receipts for the subsequent biennium.

Receive a report from Office of Management and Budget regarding any loans obtained pursuant to Section 6-09-15.1. (NDCC § 6-09-15.1)

Receive an annual report from the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service on full-time equivalent position adjustments made. (NDCC § 11-38-12)

Receive an annual report from the Commissioner of University and School Lands on the investment performance of each fund under its control. (NDCC § 15-02-08.1)

Receive a biennial report from each institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education undertaking a capital construction project that was approved by the Legislative Assembly and for which local funds are to be used which details the source of all funds used in the project. (NDCC § 15-10-12.3)

Receive reports from the Office of Management and Budget, upon request from the Budget Section, regarding the State Board of Higher Education's project variance semiannual reports regarding construction projects valued at more than \$250,000. (NDCC § 15-10-47)

Receive an annual report from the NDSU Main Research Center on full-time equivalent position adjustments made. (NDCC § 15-12.1-05)

Receive a status report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education. (NDCC § 15-12.1-17(10))

Receive a biennial report from the State Fire Marshal summarizing the expenditures by certified fire departments and districts of funds received from the insurance tax distribution fund and reserve fund balances. (NDCC § 18-04-02)

Receive at least semiannual reports from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board (NDCC § 21-10-11)

Receive an annual report from the Adjutant General regarding the income and expenditures made from the North Dakota National Guard service member, veteran, family, and survivor support program. Approve any expenditures from the fund that exceed \$500,000 per biennium. (NDCC § 37-03-18)

Receive reports on the use of the state disaster relief fund to provide the required state share of funding for expenses associated with presidentially-declared and governor-declared disasters in the state. (NDCC § 37-17.1-27)

Receive a report from the Industrial Commission each biennium on the balance of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund and expenditures from the fund. (NDCC § 38-08-04.5)

Receive an annual report from the Division of Community Services on conclusions of annual audits of renaissance fund organizations. (NDCC § 40-63-07(9))

Receive a report from Job Service North Dakota before March 1 of each year on the actual job insurance trust fund balance and the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier, as of December 31 of the previous year, and a projected trust fund balance for the next 3 years. (NDCC § 52-02-17)

Receive a report from the State Treasurer, within 90 days of the beginning of each fiscal year, regarding all warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than 3 years. (NDCC § 54-11-01)

Receive reports on fiscal irregularities. (NDCC § 54-14-03.1)

Receive a report from the Housing Finance Agency at least once per biennium regarding the activities of the housing incentive fund (NDCC § 54-17-40)

Receive a report from the Industrial Commission if any order, regulation, or policy of the Industrial Commission has an estimated fiscal effect on the state in excess of \$20 million in a biennium. (NDCC § 54-17-42)

Receive a biennial report from the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Advisory Board (NDCC § 54-17.8-07)

Receive an annual report from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the department's prison population management plan and inmate admissions and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing. (NDCC § 54-23.3-11)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget at each meeting of the Budget Section regarding the reports received from state agencies, other than entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, that have applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more. (NDCC § 54-27-27)

Receive a report on transfers of funds from the budget stabilization fund to the general fund to offset projected decrease in general fund revenues. (NDCC § 54-27.2-03)

Receive a report from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of tobacco settlement funds and related information. (NDCC § 54-44-04(23))

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding any purchase of oil put options by the State Investment Board to offset reduced general fund oil and gas tax revenues due to oil and gas prices falling below selected levels. (NDCC § 54-44-16)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget in December of even-numbered years regarding commodities and services exempted from state procurement requirements. (NDCC § 54-44.4-02.2)

Receive an annual report from tribal governing bodies regarding investment of oil and gas tax receipts in essential infrastructure and fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry. (NDCC § 57-51.2-02)

Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education on any adjustments or increases of full-time equivalent positions (2021 Senate Bill No. 2020 § 8)

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- Kreidt, Gary
- Lefor, Mike
- Martinson, Bob
- Meier, Lisa
- Mitskog, Alisa
- Mock, Corey
- Monson, David
- Nathe, Mike
- Nelson, Jon O.
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- Kreun, Curt
- Mathern, Tim
- Meyer, Scott
- Piepkorn, Merrill
- Roers, Jim P.
- Rust, David S.
- Schaible, Donald
- Sorvaag, Ronald
- Vedaa, Shawn
- Wanzek, Terry M.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(20 members)

Studies

1238 § 2 Study the implementation of effective parameters for the ending fund balance for a school district so a school district is able to achieve credit scores sufficient to bond at a reduced cost to taxpayers while ensuring equitable and adequate education. The study must include identification of efficient ways to analyze information on district expenditures; a review of the ending fund balance's impact on a district's short- and long-range planning, related facilities, staffing, and programming; an evaluation of possible trends between state investment, district expenditures, and student performance; and a review of the dramatic increase in behavioral and mental health issues of students, which are addressed by schools with school budgets, in addition to the traditional scope of academic preparation.

2284 § 13 Study school choice models implemented nationally for K-12 schools, including charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, voucher systems, and home schools. The study must include input from stakeholders, including public and nonpublic teachers and administrators, parents of students, representatives from the Department of Public Instruction, a representative from the Governor's office, and representatives from regional education associations. The study also must include a review of regulations implemented by state regulatory agencies to ensure accountability for various school choice models; a comparison of nontraditional school choice models implemented by other states; an analysis of the impact of enrollment fluctuation, including the impact on state aid; a review of the state's student population and enrollment capacity and tuition costs of nonpublic schools; and a review of services nonpublic schools are able to offer students with special needs.

2284 § 15 Study the feasibility, desirability, and impact of replacing storm days with virtual instruction days. The study must include input from the Department of Public Instruction, public school administrators and teachers, and other stakeholders. The study also must include a review of relevant statutes, plans approved by school boards, and current practices related to storm days.

Reports

Receive a biannual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the implementation of intervention measures for chronically low-performing schools. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2254 § 1) (NDCC § 15.1-02-XX)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction in even-numbered years regarding a comparison of academic performance of students participating in virtual instruction versus those not participating in virtual instruction and the use of the statewide prekindergarten through grade twelve strategic vision framework goals. (2023 House Bill No. 1376 § 2) (NDCC § 15.1-07-25.4)

Receive a biennial report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding proposals to allow students enrolled in grades six through twelve to earn course credit through educational opportunities with a sponsoring entity. (NDCC § 15.1-07-35)

Receive periodic reports from the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the implementation and effectiveness of reading curriculum and professional development training requirements in improving educational outcomes and reading competency of students. (NDCC § 15.1-21-12.1)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction before December 1 of each year on the categories and amount spent by each school district on school safety and security measures during the previous school year. (2023 House Bill No. 1337 § 1) (NDCC § 15.1-27-XX)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction before July 1, 2024, regarding dyslexia screening and intervention. (2023 House Bill No. 1231 § 3) (NDCC § 15.1-32-26)

Receive a quarterly report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the implementation and effectiveness of the appropriation provided to the Department of Public Instruction for the purposes of supporting professional learning related to the science of reading and implementing systematic direct literacy instruction to improve educational outcomes. The report must include the number of teachers trained, an anticipated timeline of results trends, and any results trends available. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2284 § 18)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction on any updates to the strategic vision and the collaborative report of the strategic plans of each steering committee member entity receiving state education funds. (NDCC § 15.1-02-04)

Receive an annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the end of February on the financial condition of school districts. (NDCC § 15.1-02-09)

Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of annual school district employee compensation reports. (NDCC § 15.1-02-13)

Receive an annual report from the Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Education Coordination Council on the activities of the council. (NDCC § 15.1-01-04(9))

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction on updates and the collaborative report on the Statewide prekindergarten through grade twelve education strategic vision. (NDCC 15.1-02-04(9))

Before the Superintendent of Public Instruction may submit proposed changes to the state accountability plan, the superintendent must present changes to an interim committee designated by the Legislative Management. (NDCC § 15.1-02-17)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a request from a school or school district for a waiver of any rule governing the accreditation of schools. (NDCC § 15.1-06-08)

Receive a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding waivers applications under Section 15.1-06-08.1. (NDCC § 15.1-06-08.1)

Receive an annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the innovative education program, including the status of the implementation plan, a summary of any waived statutes or rules; and a review of evaluation date results. (NDCC § 15.1-06-08.2)

Receive a report from the Education Standards and Practices Board regarding electronic satisfaction survey results of all interactions with individuals seeking information or services from the board. (NDCC § 15.1-13-36)

Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of test scores of a test aligned to the state content standards in reading and mathematics given annually to students in three grades statewide. (NDCC § 15.1-21-10)

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- Murphy, Eric James
- Ostlie, Mitch
- Richter, David
- Schreiber-Beck, Cynthia
- Timmons, Kelby

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- Beard, Todd
- Conley, Cole
- Elkin, Jay
- Estenson, Judy
- Larsen, Doug
- Weston, Kent

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

(13 members)

Duties

Consider and report on the legislative proposals over which the committee takes jurisdiction and which fiscally impact the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, and health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision. A majority of the members of the committee has sole authority to determine whether a legislative proposal affects a program. The committee shall make a thorough review of each proposal the committee takes under its jurisdiction, including an actuarial report. The committee shall take jurisdiction over a proposal that authorizes an automatic increase or other change in benefits beyond the ensuing biennium which would not require legislative approval. The committee shall include in the report of the committee a statement that the proposal would allow future changes without legislative involvement. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee shall request an actuarial report from the program affected by a legislative measure if a measure is introduced in either house without an actuarial report, or if an amendment is made to the measure, and provide the report to the standing committee to which the measure is referred. (2023 House Bill No.1539 § 1) (NDCC § 54-35-02.4)

Approve terminology adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement to comply with applicable federal statutes or rules. (NDCC § 15-39.1-35)

Approve terminology adopted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board to comply with federal requirements. (NDCC §§ 39-03.1-29, 54-52-23, 54-52.1-08.2, 54-52.6-23)

Adopt a procedure for identifying measures and proposed measures mandating health insurance coverage of services or payments for specified providers of services. (NDCC § 54-03-28(4))

Review legislative measures and proposals affecting public employees retirement programs and health and retiree health plans. (NDCC § 54-35-02.4)

Reports

Receive an annual report from the Retirement Board regarding the contributions necessary, as determined by the actuarial study, to maintain the retirement fund's actuarial soundness. (2023 House Bill No. 1040 § 9) (NDCC § 54-52-06)

Receive an annual report from the Retirement Board regarding the status of the defined contribution retirement plan under Chapter 54-52.6. (2023 House Bill No. 1040 § 29) (NDCC § 54-52.6-22)

Receive notice from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement of necessary or desirable changes in statutes relating to the administration of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement fund. (NDCC § 15-39.1-05.2)

Receive an annual report from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement regarding annual test of actuarial adequacy of statutory contribution rate. (NDCC § 15-39.1-10.11)

Receive notice from firefighters relief associations of the association's intent to provide a substitution monthly service pension. (NDCC § 18-11-15)

Receive periodic reports from Human Resource Management Services on the implementation, progress, and bonuses provided by state agency programs to provide bonuses to recruit or retain employees in hard-to-fill positions. (NDCC § 54-06-31)

Receive a biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of state agencies providing service awards to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-32)

Receive a biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of state agencies providing employer-paid costs of training or educational courses to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-33)

Receive a biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of executive branch state agencies paying employee membership dues for professional organizations and membership dues for service clubs when required to do business or if the membership is primarily for the benefit of the state. (NDCC § 54-06-34)

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ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

(12 members)

Duties and Studies

Develop a comprehensive statewide energy policy that supports the long-term development of the energy opportunities in the state and to engage industry stakeholders to develop a regulatory environment that allows for responsible growth while resolving conflicts and developing synergy between energy and agriculture programs. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2289 § 1) (NDCC § 54-35-18)

Study the impact of a comprehensive energy policy for the state and the development of each facet of the energy industry from the obtaining of the raw natural resource to the sale of the final product in this state, other states, and other countries. (NDCC § 54-35-18)

1012 § 16 Study the effect of electric vehicles in the state. As part of the study, the Legislative Management shall consider the assessment of fees to offset reductions in motor fuel tax revenues; the impact of electric vehicles on electric demand and the electrical grid; the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure by private and public entities, including potential funding sources; the impact to public services and public transportation providers; and the effect on employment opportunities and other economic impacts, including tourism, automobile dealers, the energy industry, and the critical minerals industry. The study must include input from key stakeholders, including electric vehicle manufacturers, electric vehicle dealers, electric utilities, electric vehicle charging station manufacturers, and other transportation entities.

2366 § 1 Study the accessibility of natural gas in small communities. The study must include a review of existing programs to assist small communities with gaining access to natural gas and accessibility assistance programs that may need to be extended.

3034 Study sustainable energy policies to maximize the economic viability of existing energy sources, assess future demands on electricity in the state, and determine the feasibility of advanced nuclear energy development and transmission in the state.

Reports

Receive a report from the Department of Transportation before July 1, 2024, regarding an update on the deployment and administration of electric vehicle charging stations. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2063 § 1) (NDCC § 24-02-45.4)

Receive at least one report from the State Energy Research Center during the 2023-24 interim regarding the center's study of prospective in-state resources of economically feasible accumulations of critical minerals, including rare earth elements and other high-value minerals or materials that may be suitable for extraction and enrichment. (2023 House Bill No. 1014 § 14)

Receive at least one report from the State Energy Research Center during the 2023-24 interim regarding the status and results of its salt cavern underground energy storage and research project. (2023 House Bill No. 1014 § 15)

Receive at least one report from the Energy and Environmental Research Center during the 2023-24 interim regarding the status of the center's study of future lignite electrical generation facilities. (2023 House Bill No. 1014 § 17)

Receive a report from the Agriculture Commissioner by June 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the implementation of and services provided under the postproduction royalty oversight program. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2194 § 1) (NDCC 4.1-01-XX)

Receive a biennial report from the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority regarding the authority's activities and the financial impact on state revenue and the state's economy of the programs administered by the authority. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 51) (NDCC § 54-63.1-04)

Receive a report from the Department of Transportation before August 1, 2024, on the department's findings and recommendations on the department's study of the feasibility and impact of imposing an electronic vehicle charging tax to offset lost revenue from gas tax sales. (2023 House Bill No. 1081 § 1)

Receive an annual report from the State Energy Research Center on all research activities and accomplishments. (NDCC § 15-11-40)

Receive a written report from the North Dakota Transmission Authority each biennium. (NDCC § 17-05-13)

Receive a biennial report from the Energy Policy Commission and its recommendations to the state energy policy. (NDCC § 17-07-01)

Receive, along with the Governor, a report from the Industrial Commission in December 2014 and every 4 years thereafter discussing whether the amount in the carbon dioxide storage facility trust fund and fees being paid into the fund are sufficient to satisfy the fund's objectives. (NDCC § 38-22-15)

Receive a biennial report from the High-Level Radioactive Waste Advisory Council. (NDCC § 38-23-08)

Receive a biennial report from the North Dakota Pipeline Authority on its activities. (NDCC § 54-17.7-13)

Receive an annual report from the operator of a coal conversion facility that receives a carbon dioxide capture credit for certain coal conversion facilities regarding the facility's carbon dioxide capture project. (NDCC § 57-60-02.1)

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GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

(19 members)

Duties and Studies

Review state budget information, including the monitoring of state revenue and appropriations and review and develop state revenue forecasts.

Study of selected state agency fees. (NDCC § 54-35-27)

2015 § 65 Study the state's guardianship programs. The study must include consideration of the existing structure for the programs under the Office of Management and Budget, judicial branch, and Department of Health and Human Services; the feasibility of consolidating the programs under one agency; and an appropriate level of funding for the programs.

1008 § 3 Study the appropriation procedures for the Department of Financial Institutions. The study must include an analysis of the feasibility and desirability of alternative appropriation methods, management structures employed, oversight and reporting to the executive and legislative branches of government, staff classifications structures tied to federal or market compensation indexes, and staffing structures which allow for adjustments to market conditions.

2015 § 63 Study, in collaboration with the Insurance Commissioner and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the feasibility and desirability of changing administration of the state fire and tornado fund and state bonding fund from the Insurance Commissioner to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The study must include an analysis of the statutory changes necessary to accomplish the change in administration and other statutory changes necessary to facilitate the Office of Management and Budget's administration of these funds.

Reports

Receive at least one report from the Department of Career and Technical Education during the 2023-24 interim regarding grants awarded to a workforce training center for the purposes of uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology. The report must include a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding. (2023 House Bill No. 1519 § 1)

Receive at least one report from the Agriculture Commissioner during the 2023-24 interim regarding grants awarded to individuals and entities in the agriculture industry for the purposes of uncrewed aircraft system, autonomous vehicle, or other autonomous technology. The report must include a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding. (2023 House Bill No. 1519 § 2)

Receive a report from the Department of Emergency Services on grants awarded before June 30, 2023, to tribal governments, counties, cities, and townships for emergency snow removal. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 5 & 2023 Senate Bill No. 2183 § 1)

Receive at least one report from each county or city that receives a distribution from the large facility development fund on the use of the funding. The report must include the amount of funding received and spent by the county or city, including an itemized list of the amounts spent and a description of how the funding was used by the county or city. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2334 § 3) (NDCC § 57-39.2-XX)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget before September 30, 2024, regarding the findings and recommendations from its study of improving the cash management practices of the state. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 17)

Receive a biennial report from the Retirement and Investment Office regarding the amount of legacy fund earnings above the percent of market value that would have been transferred to the legacy earnings fund had 2023 Senate Bill No. 2330 not been passed by the 68th Legislative Assembly. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 62)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the use of funding for the full-time equivalent position block grant program. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2012 § 7)

Receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation before August 1, 2024, of the department's plan to complete the United States Highway 85 four-lane project. (2023 House Bill No. 1012 § 17)

Receive from the Department of Commerce one report by December 31, 2023, and no fewer than two reports during the period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2024, regarding the status of each grant program identified in Section 2 of 2023 House Bill No. 1018 derived from the general fund or state special funds, including funding spent to date, the number of individuals or businesses awarded funding, the name and amount of funding awarded to each individual and business, the date funding was awarded, criteria used when awarding funding, and a detailed listing of how the funding has been used. (2023 House Bill No. 1018 § 30)

Receive a report from the Department of Career and Technical Education during the 2023-24 interim regarding the amount of funding provided per project to defray inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area career center initiative grant program during the 2021-23 biennium and the construction status of each project. The Office of Management and Budget is required to report to the Legislative Management regarding any uncommitted federal coronavirus capital projects fund appropriation authority transferred from the Information Technology Department to the Department of Career and Technical Education. (2023 House Bill No. 1021 § 10 & 2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 7)

Receive reports associated with the study of state agency fees, including a report by July 1, 2024, from each agency that has fees indicating whether any fees were added, deleted, or changed during the course of the biennium; a report by July 1, 2024, from each state agency that is authorized to impose more than 40 fees regarding the amount of each fee, when the fee was implemented, why the fee is set at the specific dollar amount, where the fee is deposited, and whether the fee is critical for the

budget of the agency; and a report by September 1, 2024, from the Office of Management and Budget compiling into a single report the reports from state agencies authorized to impose more than 40 fees. (NDCC § 54-35-27)

The Office of Management and Budget shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Management of each executive branch agency that gives any full-time state employee salary increases between April 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023, which cumulatively are 15 percent or more over the employee's base salary as of March 31, 2021. The report must include the name of each employee receiving the increase and any relevant salary information. (NDCC § 54-44-04)

Receive semiannual reports from the Department of Commerce regarding the status of the program to establish and administer an uncrewed aircraft systems test site in cooperation with the University of North Dakota, the Aeronautics Commission, Adjutant General, and private parties appointed by the Governor. (NDCC § 54-60-28) (2023 House Bill No. 1018 § 25)

Receive semiannual reports from the Department of Commerce regarding the development of the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program and the total amount deposited by the State Treasurer in the general fund. (NDCC § 54-60-29.1) (2023 House Bill No. 1018 § 25)

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GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

(14 members)

Duties and Studies

Approve any agreement between a North Dakota state entity and South Dakota to form a bistate authority (NDCC § 54-40-01)

2003 § 22 Study the services and needs of the State Crime Laboratory, including staffing and equipment needs; the need for forensic scientists with training in firearms and fingerprint analysis; the feasibility and desirability of remodeling current State Crime Laboratory facilities, acquiring other vacant laboratory facilities in the state, and operating additional State Crime Laboratory facilities in the state; services the State Crime Laboratory should have the capability of providing to support law enforcement entities in the state; and whether the State Crime Laboratory should be administratively separate from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

1288 § 4 Study infrastructure development by private operators as provided for under Chapter 48-02.1, agency construction management procurement procedures under Section 48-01.2-19, and construction management at-risk delivery methods under Section 48-01.2-20. The study must include input from contractor groups and other stakeholders to determine how public-private partnerships are being used and whether the use of these partnerships has been successful.

3030 Study homelessness and barriers to housing, including consideration of the effectiveness of the RentHelp program; the provision of housing financial support; legal assistance programs available to tenants; state, local, or federal educational programs for tenants and landlords regarding rights and responsibilities; month-to-month eviction rates by human service zone area; definitions of homelessness or homeless rates used by government entities; barriers to accessing housing; the manner in which homeless children receive services; historical rates of homelessness; and how a community-based approach to homelessness may reduce rates of homelessness.

4004 Study accessible transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities in the state. The study must include an evaluation of statewide challenges to system services and barriers to expanding the state's accessible transportation infrastructure, an examination of the fiscal impact of providing accessible transportation, an assessment of effective long-term modification of funding formulas to support accessible transportation, and an evaluation of modifications to anticipate the responsibilities of public entities under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Reports

Receive a report from the Veterans' Home by January 1, 2024, on the status of implementing recommendations included in the Veterans' Home strategic plan. (2023 House Bill No. 1007 § 6)

Receive a report from the Office of Management and Budget by October 15 of each even-numbered year, regarding the reports received by the Office of Management and Budget from each executive branch state agency, excluding entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, receiving federal funds, a plan to operate the state agency when federal funds are reduced by 5 percent or more of the total federal funds the state agency receives. (NDCC § 54-27-27.1)

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HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

(16 members)

Duties and Studies

Contract with a private entity, after receiving recommendations from the Insurance Commissioner, to provide a cost-benefit analysis of every legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services, or an amendment that mandates such coverage or payment. (NDCC § 54-03-28)

2012 § 53 Study the benefits of basing provider reimbursement rates for the Medicaid program in accordance with a provider's performance under established and accepted value-based care metrics.

1476 § 1 Study the impact of entities that receive Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion funding utilizing contract nursing agencies.

2389 § 1 Study prior authorization in health benefit plans. The study must include consideration of the extent to which prior authorization is used by health insurance companies in this state, including the types of services and procedures for which prior authorization is required; the impact of prior authorization on patient care, including the effects on patient health outcomes, patient satisfaction, health care costs, and patient access to care; the impact of prior authorization on health care providers and insurers, including the administrative burden, time, and cost associated with obtaining prior authorization, and the appropriate utilization of health care services; state and federal laws and regulations that may impact prior authorization; and input from stakeholders, including patients, providers, and commercial insurance plans. The study may include consideration of issues related to response times, retroactive denial, data reporting, clinical criteria and medical necessity, transparency, fraud and abuse, reviewer qualifications, exceptions, and an appeal process.

Reports

Receive a report from the North Dakota Legislative Health Care Task Force by October 1 of each year on its activities and any recommendations to improve health care in the state. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2012 § 28) (NDCC § 50-06-XX)

Receive report from the State Fire Marshal each interim on the State Fire Marshal's findings and any recommendation for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the law on reduced ignition propensity standards for cigarettes. (NDCC § 18-13-02(6))

Receive report from the Department of Human Services, State Department of Health, Indian Affairs Commission, and Public Employees Retirement System before June 1 of each even-numbered year on their collaboration to identify goals and benchmarks while also developing individual agency plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the state, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes. (NDCC § 23-01-40)

Receive report by the State Department of Health before June 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding progress made toward the recommendations provided in NDCC Section 23-43-04 and any recommendations for future legislation. (NDCC § 23-43-04)

Receive an annual report from the Maternal Mortality Review Committee regarding the identification of patterns, trends, and policy issues related to maternal mortality. (NDCC § 23-51-08)

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HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

(12 members)

Studies

2158 § 1 Conduct a study, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, Board of the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota, and Public Employees Retirement System to determine the steps necessary for the dissolution of the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota under Chapter 26.1-08. The study must include analysis of the enrollees, transitioning of the current enrollees' plans to potential Affordable Care Act plans, Medicaid programs, and Public Employees Retirement System plans, and any other options determined by the study. The study also must include a process to discontinue any new enrollment into the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota immediately and transition all major medical plans in effect as soon as plan year 2024.

2085 § 3 Conduct a comprehensive study of the delivery of emergency medical services in the state. The study must include consideration of funding, taxation, access critical areas, demographics, volunteer training, volunteer retention, systems approach to rural areas, employment options, including access to a public safety pension, and educational reimbursements. The study also shall include consideration of distressed ambulance services, which are ambulance services that have indicated an intention to close or change their license level, or an ambulance service that fails to meet performance standards as established by the Department of Health and Human Services.

3021 Study whether the services provided in the state relating to the care and treatment of individuals with brain injury are adequate, including a review of the state's existing programs to identify potential pathways and treatment options for individuals with brain injury, gap identification with programmatic recommendations identifying potential strategies to address the gaps, potential federal and state funding sources for services, and developing a method to evaluate the efficacy of new programs.

Reports

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services by November 1 of each year summarizing the number of deaths that occurred in the state caused by or related to fentanyl consumption during the preceding calendar year, including the county in which the deaths occurred and the age and gender of the deceased individuals. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2248 § 2) (NDCC § 19-03.1-23.5)

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HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(20 members)

Studies

1003 § 43 Study funding for dual-credit courses. The study must include a review of all funding sources relating to dual-credit courses in the state, including tuition and fees, the higher education funding formula, elementary and secondary education integrated formula payments, institution scholarships, state scholarships, and the Bank of North Dakota. The study also must include a review of funding for dual-credit courses in other states.

Reports

Receive an annual comprehensive report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding grants awarded from the economic diversification research fund. The report must include information on how the research efforts by each institution align with the state's priorities, how the institutions collaborate when appropriate, and how the outcomes of the research meet established performance expectations. The State Board of Higher Education is required to develop reporting requirements for the institutions under the control of the board, including criteria for assessing performance outcomes related to grants awarded from the economic diversification research fund. (2023 House Bill No. 1003 § 16) (NDCC § 6-09-XX)

Receive an annual report from the State Commissioner of Higher Education regarding trends in higher education, including state and regional student enrollment, North Dakota University System institution reserves, state and regional tuition rates, state and regional student financial assistance, and the University System's response to the trends and changes, including new or expanded educational programs, closed programs, and future budget requests. (2023 House Bill No. 1003 § 17) (NDCC § 15-10--XX)

Receive a biennial program report from the State Board of Higher Education by September 1 of each even-numbered year regarding awards under the workforce education innovation program. The report must include information per educational institution regarding the number, amount, and type of awards; the name of each educational program created, enhanced, or promoted; the amount and percentage of funds used for leadership and coordination costs; and detailed expense reports, including the type of equipment and technology purchased and the number of instructors hired or trained. (2023 House Bill No. 1241 § 1) (NDCC § 15-10-XX)

Receive a report from the State Commissioner of Higher Education on State Board of Higher Education policies regarding communications between board members and board member access to current and historic board information. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2343 § 2) (NDCC § 15-10-XX)

Receive a report from the National Guard before June 1, 2024, on the award of out-of-state post-secondary tuition grants to qualifying members of the national guard, including the number of grants awarded for use at out-of-state institutions and grants awarded for online or remote coursework. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2094 § 1) (NDCC § 37-07.2-XX)

Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding any appropriation authority transferred from the operations to the capital assets line items within subdivisions 2 through 14 of Section 1 of 2023 House Bill No. 1003 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. (2023 House Bill No. 1003 § 38)

Receive a biennial report from the State Board of Higher Education on the use of funding in the University System capital building fund, the source of matching funds, and each institution's 5-year plan for capital construction spending. (NDCC § 15-54.1-02)

Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education by September 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the skilled workforce student loan repayment program. (NDCC § 15-10-38.1)

Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education by September 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the skilled workforce scholarship program. (NDCC § 15-10-38.2)

Receive an annual report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding the number of North Dakota academic scholarships and career and technical education scholarships provided and demographic information pertaining to the recipients. (2023 House Bill No. 1030 § 2) (NDCC § 15-10-59)

Receive a biennial report and recommendations from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council regarding the strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. (NDCC § 15-52-04)

Receive report from any tribally controlled community college receiving a grant under NDCC Chapter 15-70 detailing the expenditures of the grant funds, a copy of the institution's latest audit report, and documentation of the enrollment status of students. (NDCC § 15-70-05)

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(18 members)

Studies

1026 § 1 Study the implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 North Dakota behavioral health system study conducted by the Human Services Research Institute and the 2022 acute psychiatric and residential care needs study conducted by Renee Schulte Consulting, LLC.

2012 § 51 Study the early child care programs and child care services to identify major needs and systemic approaches to stabilize child care infrastructure.

2012 § 54 Study the payment rates for intermediate care facilities, including options to increase the rates. The study must consider the funded percentage of costs for services including day and small group care, individual employment, in-home supports, respite care, habilitative care, independent habitation, and residential habitation.

2155 § 2 Study the expansion of federally qualified health care centers. The study must include consideration of increasing the number of federally qualified health care centers in the state and improving federally qualified health care center collaboration with local public health units.

3017 Study the increasing need for inpatient mental health care for children and whether there are adequate home- and community-based care and outpatient services for the number of children and the location of need.

Reports

Receive an annual report from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the progress of the pay for success program developed by the department to improve educational, social, or emotional achievements of at-risk children, improve the health of children, and increase participation in the workforce by individuals who qualify for governmental assistance. The section creating the pay for success program becomes effective January 1, 2024. (2023 House Bill No. 1480 § 1) (NDCC § 50-06-XX)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services during the 2023-24 interim regarding the status of early childhood programs managed by the department. (2023 House Bill No. 1540 § 4 & 2023 Senate Bill No. 2012 § 56)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services by January 1, 2024, and every 6 months thereafter during the 2023-25 biennium, on the department's findings and recommendations regarding the its foster care and adoption child welfare redesign. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2080 § 7)

Receive periodic reports from the Department of Health and Human Services on the impact, usage, and costs associated with the family caregiver service pilot project. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2276 § 2) (NDCC § 50-24.1-XX)

Receive an annual report from the Children's Cabinet regarding the activities and findings of the cabinet. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2034 § 1) (NDCC § 50-06-43.1)

Receive a report from the Department of Human Services and the steering committee for developmental disabilities system reimbursement project on development activities and status information for the project. (NDCC § 50-06-37)

Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before August 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding provider reimbursement rates under the medical assistance expansion program. (NDCC § 50-24.1-37)

Receive a biennial report from the Department of Human Services before August of each even-numbered year on the tribal health care coordination fund and tribal government use of money distributed from the fund. (NDCC § 50-24.1-40(4))

Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services describing enrollment statistics and costs associated with the children's health insurance program state plan. (NDCC § 50-29-02)

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(12 members)

Duties and Studies

Determine information technology compliance reviews to be conducted by the State Auditor and receive the results of those reviews. (NDCC §§ 54-10-28, 54-35-15.4)

Review the activities of the Information Technology Department, statewide information technology standards, the statewide information technology plan, and major information technology projects; review cost-benefit analyses of major projects; conduct studies; and make recommendations regarding established or proposed information technology programs and information technology acquisition. (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)

Review any information technology project or information technology plan. If the committee determines that the project or plan is at risk of failing to achieve its intended results, the committee may recommend to the Office of Management and Budget the suspension of the expenditure of moneys appropriated for a project or plan. (NDCC § 54-35-15.3)

1003 § 44 Study the emergence of artificial intelligence and the potential impacts on the state's institutions, agencies, businesses, citizens, and youth. The study must include a review of the effect of artificial intelligence on the provision of health care, effects on student learning, potential opportunities or threats to the integrity of state services, the potential impact on electoral processes, including mitigating action to be taken leading up to the 2024 state elections, opportunities for state investment or policy changes to promote artificial intelligence businesses, and cybersecurity implications across all state institutions.

1242 § 5 Study emergency and interoperable public safety communications system governance needs and options. The study must include an analysis of options to manage and operate state and local emergency and interoperable public safety systems, including the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network; evaluate the current and most appropriate governance roles for each state and local emergency and interoperable public safety government entity; determine the most appropriate state or local emergency and interoperable public safety government entity to have responsibility for the ongoing administrative and operational maintenance cost of the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network; and consider input from the Information Technology Department, Department of Emergency Services Division of State Radio, Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee, North Dakota Association of Counties, and local public safety entities.

Reports

Receive a report from any agency that encounters a cost or time completion issue on a project regarding the corrective measures taken by the agency regarding the project. A report under Section 54-59-23(2) must specify corrective measures being undertaken to address any cost or time of completion issue. (2023 House Bill No. 1159 § 3) (NDCC § 54-59-23(3))

Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education, on request, regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects. (NDCC § 15-10-44)

Receive a project startup report and a project closeout report from the affected legislative or judicial branch agency regarding any information technology project with a total cost of \$500,000 or more. (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)

Receive and review information received from the State Board of Higher Education relating to higher education information technology projects with a total cost of \$500,000 or more and receive and review information from the Information Technology Department regarding any information technology project of an executive branch agency with a total cost of between \$100,000 and \$500,000. (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)

Receive information from the State Board of Higher Education regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects. (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)

Receive a report from the Chief Information Officer, before June 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding the implementation of distributed ledger technologies. (NDCC § 54-59-02.2)

Receive report from the Chief Information Officer regarding the coordination of services with political subdivisions and from the Chief Information Officer and the Chief Information Officer of the North Dakota University System regarding coordination of information technology between the Information Technology Department and higher education. (NDCC § 54-59-12)

Receive annual report from the Information Technology Department. (NDCC § 54-59-19)

Receive report from the Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee regarding recommendations for further development, cost proposals, proposals for legislation, and recommendations for data sharing governance. (NDCC § 54-59-36)

Receive report from the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee by November 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the use of the assessed communications services fee revenue; and receive recommendation regarding changes to the operating standards for emergency services communications, including training or certification standards for dispatchers. (NDCC § 57-40.6-12)

The Information Technology Department shall report to the Legislative Management all disclosed cybersecurity incidents as required by this chapter, including the status of the cybersecurity incident and any response or remediation to mitigate the cybersecurity incident. (NDCC § 54-59.1-07)

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

(19 members)

Duties and Studies

Statutory and constitutional revision.

1341 § 1 Study those provisions of the North Dakota Century Code that place restrictions on carrying firearms and dangerous weapons. The study must include an examination of the state's current firearm and weapon possession prohibitions as compared to the nation's historical regulations and restrictions on the time, place, and manner in which firearms and dangerous weapons may be restricted. The study must include an assessment of recent federal court cases relating to firearm restrictions, including public carry, and an examination of the definition of a dangerous weapon and whether the current definition of a dangerous weapon should be maintained, narrowed, or expanded. The study must include input from the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a representative of the North Dakota University System, and representatives of the Supreme Court, the Association of Counties, the League of Cities, the State's Attorney Association, the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, the Peace Officers Association, and an association or organization with an interest in firearm legislation.

2304 § 6 Study statewide charitable gaming comprehensively. The study must include input from the Attorney General, stakeholders from large and small charitable organizations, local political subdivisions that authorize sites, gaming equipment manufacturers and distributors, gambling addiction counselors, and other industry leaders. The study also must include an evaluation of the economic impact of charitable gaming on the state in urban and rural areas; an evaluation of gambling addiction and treatment services currently available; an evaluation of the civic benefit of charitable gaming to the communities most closely related to the gaming sites; an evaluation of how site authorization is approved and renewed, including whether charities have equitable access to sites; an evaluation of the gaming tax structure; an evaluation of public support for charitable gaming; an evaluation of statewide local restrictions placed on charitable gaming; an evaluation of gaming expansion; an evaluation of site locations where gaming is taking place; an evaluation of charitable gaming proceeds and the eligible uses of gaming proceeds, including the percentage of proceeds that may be used for administration; an evaluation of the categories of organizations that are allowed to conduct charitable gaming, including the missions of such organizations; an evaluation of the placement of gaming activity within a gaming site, including electronic pull-tab device placement; an evaluation of the rental rate paid by organizations to alcoholic beverage establishments; and an evaluation of the authority of the Attorney General to regulate alcoholic beverage establishments.

2376 § 1 Study, with the assistance of the North Dakota Commission on Uniform State Laws, the recording practices of local and state law enforcement during custodial interrogations to determine the feasibility and desirability for uniform implementation of recording practices. The study must include the number of law enforcement agencies currently recording custodial interrogations and any policies regarding how the recording of interrogations is conducted; the storage and retention practices associated with recording interrogations; the types of equipment used to record interrogations; the types of locations at which interrogations are recorded; the types of criminal investigations in which interrogations are recorded and the frequency those interrogations are recorded; the current disclosure of recorded interrogations in criminal discovery; best practices and current requirements for the recording of interrogations, including adoption of the Uniform Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations Act; the financial costs associated with the recording of custodial interrogations and implementation of uniform practices; and any barriers to uniform implementation of the recording of custodial interrogations. The Legislative Management may seek the assistance of the North Dakota Commission on Uniform State Laws in the development of recommended policies and procedures.

2278 § 1 Study the laws and procedures relating to courts established under Chapter 40-18. The study must include an examination of the number and geographic location of existing municipal courts; access to municipal court ordinances; jurisdiction of the municipal courts; municipal court judge qualifications and training; transfer of cases to district court; appeal of cases to district court; Supreme Court general oversight of municipal courts; applicability of judicial administrative rules to municipal courts; requirements for recording proceedings in municipal court; and requirements to report information to the Supreme Court on the establishment or abolition of a court, the election, appointment and removal of municipal court judges and clerks, and annual caseload data and annual financial information on the imposition, collection, and disposition of fines and fees.

Reports

Receive a report from the Supreme Court by June 1, 2024, regarding the Supreme Court's findings and recommendation and any legislation required to implement the statutory change of drug court to wellness court. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2012 § 55)

Receive a report from the Supreme Court before September 1, 2024, on the implementation of a uniform bail schedule and the standard amount of bail for each state offense. (2023 House Bill No. 1453 § 1) (NDCC § 29-08-XX)

Receive reports from the Ethics Commission during the 2023-24 interim on the activities and operations of the commission, including information regarding the number of complaints received by the commission, education and outreach efforts, and the status of the commission's budget. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2024 § 4)

Receive a report from the Attorney General by November 1 of each year summarizing activity of any civilly forfeited property. (NDCC § 19-03.1-36.8(4))

By November 1st of each year, the Attorney General shall submit to the Legislative Management and the Governor a written report summarizing activity in the state for the preceding fiscal year, the type, approximate value, and disposition of any civilly forfeited property, and the amount of proceeds received. Summary data and civilly forfeited property must be disaggregated by agency. The Attorney General shall make the report available on the Attorney General's website. The report must include the case reports provided by the law enforcement agencies. (NDCC § 19-03.1-36.8)

Receive annual reports from the State Department of Health on the number of applications, registered qualifying patients, registered designated caregivers, registered compassion center agents, nature or debilitating medical conditions, identification cards revoked, health care providers providing written certifications, compassion centers; expenses incurred and revenues generated by the department, and data for statistical purposes in a manner so that an individual person is not identifiable. (NDCC § 19-24.1-39)

Before July 1st of each year, the Supreme Court shall submit to the Legislative Management a report on the status of the program to assist rural counties and municipalities in recruiting attorneys. (NDCC § 27-02.2-13)

Receive report from the Department of Human Services before March 1 of each even-numbered year on services provided by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation relating to individuals at the State Hospital who have been committed to the care and custody of the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services. (NDCC § 50-06-31)

Receive a biennial report from the Racing Commission and recommendations for legislation which address the issue of the liability of charitable organizations that receive and disburse money handled through account wagering. (NDCC § 53-06.2-04)

Receive report, as requested, from the Director of the North Dakota Lottery regarding the operation of the lottery. (NDCC § 53-12.1-03)

Review any executive order issued by the President of the United States which has not been affirmed by a vote of Congress and signed into law and recommend to the Attorney General and the Governor that the executive order be further reviewed. Upon recommendation from the Legislative Management, the Attorney General shall review the executive order to determine the constitutionality of the order and whether the state should seek an exemption from the order or seek to have the order declared to be an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority by the President. (NDCC § 54-03-32)

Review uniform laws recommended by the Commission on Uniform State Laws. (NDCC § 54-35-02)

Receive annual report from the Director of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents containing pertinent data on the indigent defense contract system and established public defender offices. (NDCC § 54-61-03)

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

(13 members)

Studies

1195 § 1 Study, in collaboration with the Commission on Juvenile Justice, the North Dakota Criminal Code to ensure equitable application to youths charged with juvenile delinquencies. The study must include consideration of the desirability and feasibility of a separate juvenile delinquency offense code, whether a separate and unique classification of criminal offenses for juveniles should be created, and which criminal offenses should receive a distinct classification for juvenile offenders, if any. In conducting the study, the Legislative Management and the Commission on Juvenile Justice may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center.

2080 § 6 Study the laws and practices of the child welfare system. The study must include a review of the implementation of the revisions in juvenile court procedures and the new model of practice; the laws, administrative rules, and practices of the foster care and adoption systems; the timeliness of termination of parental rights; the timeliness of permanency; and the availability of resources to support children and families experiencing out-of-home placement or risk of out-of-home placement.

2238 § 1 Study the statewide criminal history record check process. The study may include a comparison between the statewide and nationwide criminal history record check standards, a review of the average processing time of a requested criminal history record check, and an evaluation of methods to improve efficiency and processing times of the statewide criminal history record check process.

3026 Study improving re-entry outcomes for incarcerated adults and youth. The study must include an assessment of current public and private re-entry services, policies, practices, statutes, data, and resource allocation with the goal of identifying opportunities to implement research-based strategies proven to reduce recidivism, improve education and employment outcomes, and maximize resources for the greatest public safety and return on taxpayer dollars. The study also must include an examination of re-entry services in the areas of correctional supervision, employment, job training, housing, transportation, support services, and behavioral health services; levels of collaboration across service systems; and current disparities in re-entry outcomes. The Legislative Management may develop a working group to oversee the study which includes legislators, representatives from nonprofit organizations that assist with re-entry, community members with re-entry experience, and representatives from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, county jails, the Behavioral Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Supreme Court, job service or business community, adult and postsecondary education institutions, and tribal nations. The Legislative Management may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center or the Crime and Justice Institute.

Reports

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services before July 1, 2024, on the department's findings and recommendations on the department's study and implementation of a standard framework for youth services for children impacted or potentially impacted by human trafficking. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2341 § 1)

Receive a report from the Attorney General during the 2023-24 interim on the status and results of the human trafficking victims grant program. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2003 § 7)

Receive a report from the Department of Health and Human Services before August 1, 2024, on the progress of the study being conducted with the assistance of the Supreme Court, human service zone directors, and the North Dakota Association of Counties, to review the option of reinstating parental rights that have been terminated by a court. (2023 House Bill No. 1091 § 20)

Receive a compliance report from each public library before May 1, 2024, regarding the implementation of collection development and relocation of materials policies to ensure explicit sexual material is not maintained in the public library's children's collection inventory. (2023 House Bill No. 1205 § 1) (NDCC § 12.1-27.1-XX)

Receive an annual report from the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children before July 1 of each even-numbered year with any findings and recommendations. Before July 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a final report. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2257 § 1)

Receive a report from the Commission on Juvenile Justice with the commission's findings and recommendations which may include a legislative strategy to implement the recommendations. (NDCC § 50-06-43.2)

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- Hogan, Kathy
- Larson, Diane
- Lee, Judy

LEGACY AND BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

(10 members)

Duties

Develop recommendations for the investment of funds in the legacy fund and the budget stabilization fund to present to the State Investment Board. (NDCC § 21-10-11)

Review any legislative, initiated, or referred measure for asset allocation and investment policy affecting the legacy fund for purposes of requesting the Retirement and Investment Office arrange for the preparation and submission of a cost-benefit analysis. The Legislative Management shall append a cost-benefit analysis to any measure affecting the legacy fund before it is referred to a committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Management shall adopt a procedure for identifying measures and proposed measures affecting the legacy fund. (2023 House Bill No. 1227 § 1) (NDCC § 54-03-XX)

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

(16 members)

Duties and Studies

Review, in consultation with the State Auditor, updates to government auditing standards and develop guidelines for the contents of state agency audit reports. When developing guidelines, the committee shall consider applicable auditing standards, sound financial practices, compliance with laws and legislative intent, data analyses, and the opportunity to improve the efficient and effective operations of state agencies. (NDCC § 54-35-02.10)

Study and review audit reports submitted by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-35-02.2)

Approve the State Auditor's hiring of a consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Preapprove the State Auditor to contract for work required by the federal government. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Preapprove performance audits on state agencies determined by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine the frequency of audits of state agencies. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine necessary performance audits by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine when the State Auditor is to perform audits of political subdivisions. (NDCC § 54-10-13)

Order the State Auditor to audit or review the accounts of any political subdivision. (NDCC § 54-10-15)

Reports

Receive a quarterly report from the State Auditor regarding communication processes with audited entities and any changes to the processes; billing practices and procedures, including the use of cost estimates for audits, an itemized invoicing methodology, and a defined change order process for audits that exceed the original estimate; information on audits completed, including the name of the audited organization, organization type, audit type, audit period, estimated and actual hours and costs, and total audit costs and cost as a percentage of the audited organization's operating budget; and audit schedules, including audits performed by private firms and audits performed by the State Auditor's office. (2023 House Bill No.1508 § 1) (NDCC § 54-10-01 (1)(e))

Receive a report from the State Auditor regarding final report distribution policies and practices and any final audit reports released to the public prior to distribution of the final audit report to all individuals charged with the governance of the audit client. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2004 § 7) (NDCC § 54-10-01 (1)(g))

Receive annual audit report from the State Fair Association. (NDCC § 4.1-45-17)

Receive electronic copy of audit report from the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at least once every 2 years. (NDCC § 4.1-72-08)

Receive annual audit report from a corporation receiving an ethanol or methanol production subsidy. (NDCC § 10-19.1-152)

Receive report on writeoff of patients' accounts at the Life Skills and Transition Center. (NDCC § 25-04-17)

Receive annual audited financial statement and report from the North Dakota low-risk incentive fund (NDCC § 26.1-50-05)

Receive annual audit report from a limited partnership receiving an ethanol alcohol or methanol production subsidy. (NDCC § 45-10.2-115)

Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services on writeoff of recipients' or patients' accounts. (NDCC § 50-06.3-08)

Receive report of biennial performance audit of the divisions of Job Service North Dakota. (NDCC § 52-02-18)

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- Vedaa, Shawn

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

(13 members)

Duties and Studies

Determine when the Agriculture Commissioner must submit a biennial report to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Committees on the status of the pesticide container disposal program. (NDCC § 4.1-36-04)

Determine when agricultural commodity promotion groups must report to the standing Agriculture Committees. (NDCC § 4.1-44-04)

Determine the contents of contracts for printing of legislative bills, resolutions, journals, and Session Laws. (NDCC § 46-02-05)

Establish guidelines on maximum reimbursement of legislators sharing lodging during a legislative session. (NDCC § 54-03-20)

Determine the fee payable by legislators for use of personal computers. (NDCC § 54-03-26)

Establish a policy under which a legislator may purchase the computer used by that legislator upon replacement of the computer by the Legislative Council. (NDCC § 54-03-26)

Establish guidelines defining reasonable and appropriate use of state telephones by legislative branch personnel. (NDCC § 54-06-26)

Establish guidelines for use of legislative chambers and displays in Memorial Hall. (NDCC § 54-35-02)

Determine access to legislative information services and impose fees for providing legislative information services and copies of legislative documents. (NDCC § 54-35-02)

As the Legislative Ethics Committee, consider or prepare a legislative code of ethics. (NDCC § 54-35-02.8)

Make arrangements for the legislative session. (NDCC § 54-35-11)

Determine the standing committees that will receive the report from the Commissioner of Commerce on the Department of Commerce's goals and objectives, its long-term goals and objectives, and on commerce benchmarks. (NDCC § 54-60-03)

Review legislative rules.

2192 § 1 Study the impact of term limits on the manner in which the Legislative Assembly conducts business. The study must include an assessment of the desirability of providing increased educational opportunities for legislative members due to shortened tenures in the Legislative Assembly, increasing the number of Legislative Council policy staff available to assist new members, and holding legislative sessions on an annual basis.

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- Klein, Jerry
- Piepkorn, Merrill
- Roers, Kristin
- Sorvaag, Ronald

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

(16 members)

Studies

1040 § 33 Study the Public Employees Retirement System main system plan, including funding options and contributions by political subdivisions.

1040 § 34 Study best practices for public employee retirement plans, including defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans, and hybrid plans such as side-by-side hybrid plans, cash benefit plans, and stacked hybrid plans. The study must include development of legislation to implement the retirement plan best suited to meet the needs of the state, political subdivisions, and public employees.

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- Dever, Dick
- Krebsbach, Karen K.
- Rummel, Dean
- Vedaa, Shawn
- Weber, Mark F.

SCHOOL FUNDING TASK FORCE

(10 members)

Duties

(2023 Senate Bill No. 2328 § 1) Establish and provide staffing and administrative services to a school funding task force facilitated by a nonpartisan leadership organization. The Chairman of the Legislative Management may add additional, temporary nonvoting members to the task force, as deemed necessary by the task force chair, to serve without compensation. The task force may include public school administrators or business managers, public school teachers, five members of the Legislative Assembly appointed by the Legislative Management, parents of public school students, representatives from the Department of Public Instruction, a representative from the Governor's office, and a representative from a regional education association. The school funding task force shall review litigation the state was a party to relating to school funding and the resulting implications for school funding models; analyze higher education funding sources to determine whether the sources may be used in whole or in part for the K-12 system; review school payment formulas to determine whether education costs can be equalized across the state; study the size, student population, and economics of school districts and the number of facilities within the district per square mile compared with student population; develop and study sliding-scale models within school districts based on size, student populations, and economics; assess the negative impacts of the current funding formula; study school funding formulas used by other states; determine the benefits of and incentives to promote school district consolidation; review school transportation costs considering location, size, and student enrollment; study high-cost student and special education student costs as those costs relate to the formula weighting factors; and analyze the cost of distance education, comparing the costs of different methods of instruction delivery, including synchronous as compared to asynchronous instruction. The task force may study the funding of school building maintenance and repairs considering location and whether buildings are located in a rural or urban area; and review ending fund balances and analyze how the current funding formula impacts ending fund balances.

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Senators:

- Elkin, Jay
- Rust, David S.
- Schaible, Donald

TAXATION COMMITTEE

(16 members)

Studies

Study economic development tax incentives as provided in NDCC Section 54-35-26. (NDCC § 54-35-26)

1247 § 1 Study the provision of a property tax exemption for elevators, warehouses, and other farm structures classified as commercial property, which are privately owned and used to store agricultural products produced by the owner or an individual related to the owner as defined in Section 10-06.1-12. The study must include consideration of the potential shift in property tax burden if the exemption were to be enacted, the definitions of agricultural property and farm plant as used in Section 57-02-08(15), and the impact of abandoned elevators, potato warehouses, and other farm structures classified as commercial property on the political subdivisions in which they are located, including the cost of refurbishment or removal.

2359 § 1 Study the impact of political subdivisions levying special assessments against other political subdivisions and the overall impact on taxpayers. The study must include analysis of the impact on taxpayers not governed by the political subdivision levying special assessments and explore forms of taxation policy that minimize the levying of special assessments in the form of taxes through political subdivisions.

Reports

Receive a report from the Tax Commissioner, State Supervisor of Assessments, and the Chairmen of the Finance and Taxation Standing Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate before June 1, 2024, regarding their findings and recommendations on a study of property tax transparency. (2023 House Bill No. 1245 § 3)

Receive a report from the Tax Commissioner by June 1 of each year summarizing the information provided by taxpayers that received a sales tax exemption for raw materials, single-use product contract systems, and reagents used for biologic manufacturing. The report must include a comparison of the information received in the current calendar year with data received in the preceding calendar year. (2023 House Bill No. 1455 § 2) (NDCC § 57-39.2-XX)

Receive an annual report from the Department of Commerce's Division of Community Services on renaissance zone progress. (NDCC § 40-63-03(2))

Receive an annual report from the Department of Commerce compiling reports from cities that have a renaissance zone included in a tax increment financing district. (NDCC § 40-63-03(10))

Receive a report from the Tax Commissioner by April 1 of each year regarding a statewide report of property tax increase. (NDCC § 57-20-04)

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TAX RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(6 members)

Duties

(2023 House Bill No. 1158 § 5) The Legislative Management shall appoint a legislative tax relief advisory committee, which must consist of three members of the Finance and Taxation Standing Committee of the House of Representatives and three members of the Finance and Taxation Standing Committee of the Senate, appointed by the respective Majority Leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate. The committee shall study tax relief, including income and property tax relief. Based on information provided by the Tax Department, the study must include consideration of historical income and property tax relief provided by the Legislative Assembly, including the estimated and actual fiscal impact of the tax relief; an analysis of the tax relief provided by the 68th Legislative Assembly through individual income tax rate changes, a primary residence credit, and an expansion of the homestead credit, including the estimated fiscal impact for each method of tax relief and the effect of the income tax rate changes on passthrough income related to income reported on K-1 forms and royalty income reported on 1099-MISC forms; options to implement a flat individual income tax rate, including the estimated fiscal impact of the options; options to adjust the individual income tax structure, including the estimated fiscal impact of the options; and an update on the progress of implementing the primary residence credit, including the status of information technology changes and the amount spent on advertising the credit. The committee may consider input from local taxing districts regarding the administration of the primary residence credit and the homestead credit.

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TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(7 members)

Studies

Study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government relations, human services, education, corrections, and issues related to the promotion of economic development. (NDCC § 54-35-23)

Reports

Receive a report from the Governor describing the negotiations and terms of any agreement between the Governor and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation relating to taxation and regulation of oil and gas exploration and production within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation and thereafter receive a biennial report describing the agreement's implementation and any difficulties in its implementation. (NDCC § 57-51.2-04)

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WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

(17 members)

Duties

Legislative overview of water-related topics and related matters and any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water-related topics. (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Legislative overview of the Garrison Diversion Project. (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Report on the committee's project prioritization process, provide updates on allocated program expenditures, and report on the fund balances of projects, grants, and contracts. (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Reports

Receive quarterly reports from the State Water Commission on each project the State Water Commission has designated as a carryover project that has had a cost-share agreement in place for at least 4 years, the amount of funds still committed for each carryover project included in the report, the total amount of funds reallocated or made available from carryover projects included in a previous report to other projects since the commission's preceding report, and the status of each carryover project for which the committee has made a recommendation to terminate since the commission's preceding report. The committee may make a recommendation to the State Water Commission that a carryover project included in a report be terminated under Section 61-02-14.3 and any funds remaining for the carryover project be reallocated and made available for projects with the same general purpose as the carryover project. (NDCC § 61-02-14.4)

Receive a report from the Department of Water Resources by October 1, 2024, regarding the Department of Water Resources' research, in coordination with the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, into identifying options for the use of the Missouri River intake constructed near Washburn. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2020 § 19)

Receive regular progress reports from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. (2019 S.L. ch. 45, § 12)

Receive quarterly progress reports from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. (2019 S.L. ch. 45, § 14)

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WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

(13 members)

Studies

2122 § 1 Study the workforce training center funding distribution model. The study must include the funding distribution model, statewide integration and alignment across workforce training centers, and awarding college credit for workforce training center-offered training.

1519 § 3 Study the utilization of existing autonomous system capabilities and infrastructure to provide solutions to workforce and safety needs in the state. The study must include an analysis of utilizing autonomous technology for infrastructure inspection, rural emergency service needs, agriculture advancement, energy industry application, and other opportunities for collaboration through the utilization of autonomous system technology.

2012 § 52 Study the feasibility and desirability of the Legislative Assembly enacting the social work licensure compact. The study may include consideration of whether the public and the social work community support enactment and whether the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners has the capacity to participate in the compact.

2170 § 2 Study the feasibility and desirability of creating a state office of apprenticeship. The study must include consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of creating the office in comparison to apprenticeships remaining solely under the control of the federal Department of Labor. The study must identify areas in which the state may exercise more control over the federal labor law to provide more flexibility as it applies to minors at least 16 years of age.

Reports

Receive a report from the Industrial Commission by March 31, 2024, regarding the Industrial Commission's findings and recommendations regarding its study of the feasibility and desirability of creating an employee recruitment and retention incentive program for the Bank of North Dakota. (2023 House Bill No. 1014 § 25)

Receive periodic reports from the Labor Commissioner on the status of the Commissioner's review and meetings with each occupational board under Title 43, the education standards and practices board, and the state board of law examiners to establish a strategy to expediate licensure of out-of-state practitioners and revise continuing education requirements. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2249 § 2)

Receive a report from the Department of Commerce by October 1, 2024, regarding workforce development grants awarded to a tribally controlled community college. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2015 § 6)

Receive a report from Workforce Safety Insurance before July 1, 2024, on WSI's findings and recommendations for statutory changes regarding its study of Section 65-04-26.2 regarding the liability of a general contractor or the payment of premiums for subcontractors and independent contractors who do not secure required coverage or pay premiums owed. (2023 House Bill No. 1052 § 9)

Receive a report from the Bank of North Dakota before June 1, 2024, on the Bank's finding and recommendations regarding its study on environmental, social, and governance trends, laws, and policies that impact businesses and industries of this state. (2023 House Bill No. 1429 § 5)

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