

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE - REQUIREMENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING STUDY

Pursuant to Section 3 of 2013 Senate Bill No. 2200, the Legislative Management assigned the Higher Education Funding Committee a study of higher education funding methods. As part of the study, the committee is to review options for a higher education funding method that is not based on existing levels of funding at institutions. The committee is to consult with representatives of the State Board of Higher Education, the North Dakota University System, and other entities as appropriate.

The study directive provides for the committee to consider the following items:

1. The inclusion of tuition revenue as a component of the funding method;
2. The level of nonresident tuition rates, including whether the rates charged should provide for the entire cost of a student's education and whether state funding should be provided to offset the educational costs of nonresident students;
3. Options to address unique institution needs due to program facility requirements, local costs of goods and labor, and other extraordinary needs;
4. The appropriateness of including remedial education and dual-credit course completions in the funding method and which entity should be responsible for paying course costs;
5. Facilities required to meet an institution's mission, including the utilization of existing institution facilities and additional facilities needs as identified in the university system campus master plan and space utilization study;
6. Administrative costs at institutions, including the appropriateness of providing separate funding allocations to institutions for instructional and administrative costs;
7. Options to provide enhanced funding for programs that address state priorities and workforce needs;
8. Options to provide performance funding distributions to campuses for meeting specified goals such as on-time graduation rates and job placements; and
9. Any other issues the committee deems appropriate.

The Higher Education Funding Committee is to report its recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Legislative Management.