

2017-18 INTERIM COMMITTEE PREFERENCE

(Subject to final approval by the Legislative Management)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

(Must include at least 1 member from each standing committee of House and Senate -
NDCC § 54-35-02.5)

- 3026 Study the membership and state supervision of the state's occupational and professional licensing boards in order to retain antitrust law immunity
- 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)
- Study and review administrative rules and related statutes (NDCC § 54-35-02.6)

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

- 1126 § 20 Study practices and procedures with the potential to increase consistency and reduce variability in the sampling and testing of grains for deoxynivalenol (DON/vomitoxin), falling numbers, and protein.
- 1390 § 3 Study and monitoring the nutrient management plan developed by the State Department of Health.
- 2020 § 14 Study the State Soil Conservation Committee. The study must include a review of the duties, responsibilities, and related costs and efficiencies of the committee and related North Dakota State University Extension Service staff, the needs of the soil conservation districts, and the necessity to continue the State Soil Conservation Committee.
- 2245 § 1 Study the desirability and feasibility of creating a state wetlands bank. The study must include consultation with stakeholders to examine land parcels under the control and management of the state which are suitable for wetlands mitigation.
- Receive report from the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture on the status of the committee's activities (NDCC § 4.1-01-24)
- Receive report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education on its annual evaluation of research activities and expenditures (NDCC § 15-12.1-19(8))

BUDGET SECTION

(Not subject to committee preference selection)

EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

- 1318 § 1 Study how state aid for elementary and secondary education is determined and distributed under the state aid funding formula, analyze the impact of the state aid provided through the funding formula, and consider potential necessary changes to the funding formula to ensure equity, adequacy, and sustainability and examine the delivery and administration of elementary and secondary education in the state and the short- and long-term policy and statutory changes that may result from or be necessitated by 21st Century technological advances and global economics (Revised by the Legislative Management)
- 1423 § 1 Study the portion of the elementary and secondary education funding formula which relates to the utilization of in lieu of property tax funds for the purpose of identifying and addressing any inequities in the application of the formula
- Receive 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 a report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction annually during the 2017-19 biennium regarding the use of teacher loan forgiveness funds received under Senate Bill No. 2037, including the amount distributed, the number of eligible individuals receiving funds, the recruitment and retention of individuals participating in the program, the average starting salaries of individuals participating in the program, and the effectiveness of the program as determined under criteria developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (2017 Senate Bill No. 2037, § 4)

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

1013 § 23 Study the feasibility and desirability of combining services for any or all English language learner programs, distance learning programs, regional education agencies, teacher center networks, adult learning centers, career and technical education programs, education technology services, continuing education for counselors, educational leadership, and the teacher mentoring program

1324 § 5 Study entities that deliver K-12 professional development services, distance curriculum, support for schools in achieving school improvement goals, assistance with analysis and interpretation of student achievement data, and technology support services. The study must focus on the funding, governance, nature, scope, and quality of services provided to schools. The study also must focus on the duplication of services across entities and the accountability for expenditures. The study must identify efficiencies and the desirability and feasibility of consolidating services.

Receive 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 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)

Receive reports from the Superintendent of Public Instruction annually 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 (2017 Senate Bill No. 2186, § 2)

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

(Limited to 7 Representatives and 6 Senators - NDCC § 54-35-02.3)

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 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)

Approve terminology adopted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board for Teachers' Fund for Retirement provisions to comply with applicable federal statutes or rules (NDCC § 15-39.1-35)

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

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)

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 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 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 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)

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

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

(Limited to 6 Representatives--4 majority and 2 minority--and

6 Senators--4 majority and 2 minority - NDCC § 54-35-18)

- 1015 § 34 Study the taxation of wind energy and the distribution of tax collections related to wind energy. The study must include consideration of the various methods of taxing wind energy, including production taxes, the parity of wind energy taxation in comparison to the taxation of other energy sources, and the current and historical distribution formulas related to wind energy taxes; the appropriate level of distributions to the taxing districts and the state; the estimated fiscal impact of any proposed changes to the distributions; and other local revenue sources, including local tax revenue and state funding provided to the local taxing districts.
- 2013 § 22 Study oil and gas tax revenue allocations to hub cities and hub city school districts. The study must include consideration of the current and historical oil and gas tax revenue allocations to hub cities and hub city school districts; other state funding provided to hub cities and hub city school districts, including grants from the oil and gas impact grant fund, distributions from the strategic investment and improvements fund, state school aid payments, and payments from the state aid distribution fund and highway tax distribution fund; local taxing and revenue levels in hub cities compared to cities in non-oil-producing counties, including mill levies, property tax values, local sales and use taxes, and other revenue sources; the appropriate level of oil and gas tax revenue allocations to hub cities and hub city school districts based on infrastructure and other needs; the estimated fiscal impact to hub cities, hub city school districts, other political subdivisions, and the state if the oil and gas tax revenue allocation formula would be changed to transition hub cities and hub city school districts from allocations under NDCC Section 57-51-15(1) to allocations under NDCC Section 57-51-15(4)(5); the estimated fiscal impact to hub cities, hub city school districts, other political subdivisions, and the state if the oil and gas tax revenue allocation formula would be changed to discontinue the allocations to hub cities and hub city school districts under NDCC Section 57-51-15(1).
- 3027 Study the estimated fiscal impact to the state of refracturing existing oil wells, including the estimated costs and benefits related to tax collections and any potential tax incentives for refracturing existing oil wells
- Receive written report from the North Dakota Transmission Authority each biennium (NDCC § 17-05-13)
- Receive biennial report from the Energy Policy Commission and its recommendations to the state energy policy (NDCC § 17-07-01)
- Receive, along with the Governor, 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 biennial report from the North Dakota Pipeline Authority on its activities (NDCC § 54-17.7-13)
- 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)
- Receive 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)
- Receive a report from the Industrial Commission by September 30, 2018, regarding the studies conducted under Section 2 of House Bill No. 1347 (2017 House Bill No. 1347, § 2)
- Receive a report from the Tax Department by September 30, 2018, regarding its study of the valuation of oil and gas as used to determine mineral royalty payments and tax liability (2017 Senate Bill No. 2013, § 21)

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 1029 § 2 Study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed on North Dakota state government agencies by United States government agencies as a condition of the receipt of federal funding to determine whether there are viable options to meet the needs of our state without having the federal government's oversight and involvement, which state needs can be met if federal funding associated with undesirable regulation or excessive direct and indirect costs is refused, and whether the benefits of accepting certain federal funds outweighs the requirements of participation in the federal programs
- 1380 § 2 Study the duties and role of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association

- 1418 § 1 Study the purpose and content of statements of interests and the forms and information required to be filed, including the appropriate financial interests and other necessary content. The study must include consideration of whether supplementary statements or updates of information are necessary and a determination as to who is required to file statements of interest and who should be filing statements of interest. The study also must include a review of filing deadlines and consideration of how long records should be retained.
- 2016 § 9 Study office space cost and value of properties owned by Job Service North Dakota in Fargo, Rolla, Minot, and Bismarck with input from the Office of Management and Budget. If Job Service North Dakota sells or leases any property identified in this section before July 1, 2017, the property may not be included in the study.
- 3016 Study the desirability of moving city and other local elections from the primary election in June in even-numbered years to the general election in November in even-numbered years
- Approve any agreement between a North Dakota state entity and South Dakota to form a bistate authority (NDCC § 54-40-01)
- Receive a report by 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 (2015 House Bill No. 1085, § 1)
- Receive a report from the Governor by July 1, 2018, regarding the findings and recommendations from the study of operations of the Department of Financial Institutions and the Securities Department to determine the feasibility and desirability of combining the agencies into a single department (2017 Senate Bill No. 2008, § 4)

GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1015 § 35 Study the volatility of state revenue sources. The study must include the volatility of the tax base and revenue sources, including ongoing expenditures. The study also must include consideration of the volatility and sustainability of elementary and secondary education funding, including the general fund, common schools trust fund, and foundation aid stabilization fund. The study must include an assessment of the ending fund balances in the general fund, budget stabilization fund, and foundation aid stabilization fund, the adequacy of the foundation aid stabilization fund relative to revenue sources, and an analysis of the other trust funds. The study must include historical revenue for all years for which quality data are available.
- 2001 § 9 Study the delivery and cost of the Department of Transportation's State Fleet Services for state agencies. The study must include a review of the department's cost of services, staffing, and billing processes and identify improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Fleet Services that will result in reduced costs for state agencies.
- 2012 § 12 Study the funding mechanisms and options available to the Department of Transportation, political subdivisions, and public transportation providers, for road construction, maintenance, other transportation infrastructure needs, and transit services
- Receive report from the Department of Transportation regarding information collected from transportation network companies during each biennium (NDCC § 39-34-05)
- Receive report from the Department of Commerce semiannually regarding the status of the program to establish and administer an unmanned 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)
- Receive a report from the Department of Transportation before July 1, 2018, regarding the results of the study on the manner in which the Department of Transportation provides snow and ice control services on the state highway system (2017 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 10)
- Receive a report from the Department of Transportation before July 1, 2018, on the study of options to consolidate transportation facilities within Williams County and the Williston district headquarters (2017 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 11)
- Receive a report from the Department of Transportation and Information Technology Department by June 30, 2018, of the results of the study on benefits of allowing wireless telecommunication infrastructure within state highway rights of way and any requirements of allowing the installation may be in the public interest (2017 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 14)
- Receive a report from the Industrial Commission by July 1, 2018, regarding the results and recommendations of the gain-sharing program study (2017 Senate Bill No. 2014, § 30)
- Review state budget information, including monitoring the status of revenues and appropriations

HEALTH CARE REFORM REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 1012 § 32 Study options to operate the state medical assistance program and other related programs, as managed care. The study must identify and review populations to consider for managed care, including individuals eligible under traditional medical assistance, Medicaid Expansion, the children's health insurance program, and individuals receiving services through the long-term care and developmental disabilities programs; consider the needs of individuals receiving services from managed care programs in similar-sized states, and the alignment of benefit packages; review populations covered by the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly in other states; consider options for including services under a managed care arrangement; consider developing a proposed plan, cost estimates, and potential timeline for implementing the managed care options identified; consider preparing and distributing a request for information from managed care organizations regarding the managed care options identified.
- Study the public employee health insurance plan, including the feasibility and desirability of transitioning to a self-insurance plan. The study must include a review of the current plan and consideration of the costs and benefits of the current plan compared to the costs and benefits of a self-insurance plan. (Legislative Management directive)
- Monitor and review proposed federal changes to the federal Affordable Care Act (Legislative Management directive)
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HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 1012 § 33 Study state and federal laws and regulations relating to the care and treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities or behavioral health needs. The study must include a review of the state's services and delivery systems, including whether changes are necessary to maintain compliance with state and federal laws and regulations; efforts by other states to comply with the 1999 *Olmstead v. L.C.* case, including the planning and implementation process for any new programs; community- and non-community-based services, including the costs and effectiveness of services; noncompliance with state and federal laws and regulations, including a review of the fees and penalties for noncompliance; a comparison of voluntary and involuntary compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, including a review of long-term costs and effectiveness; the impact of implementation and expansion of selected programs that were added to address unmet needs, including the impact on costs and effectiveness of new programs; needed changes to address noncompliance and a timeline for completing changes; data on the number of individuals who would be impacted by voluntary compliance efforts, and data on the type of services that may need changing, including housing, peer counseling, outpatient treatment, crisis line access, and transportation services; and an evaluation of the funding, mission, and caseload at the Life Skills and Transition Center, including the center's transition plan and number of clients eligible for community placement.
- 2325 § 2 Study the state's early intervention system for children from birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities. The study may include a historical overview of the system, funding mechanisms, including Medicaid, the broader implications of how the state's system interfaces with other early childhood systems, and responsibilities for implementing federal law directing states participating in part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to locate and evaluate children from birth to age 3.
- 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 annual report from the Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities detailing the committee's activities, goals, and progress in reaching these goals, and strategies and policies that can help the committee to realize its goals (NDCC § 50-06.1-16) 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)

- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before September 1, 2018, regarding the status of the children's prevention and early intervention behavioral health services pilot project (2017 House Bill No. 1040, § 3)
- Receive a report from the State Department of Health on the results of the independent review of the tobacco prevention and control plan's effectiveness and implementation (2017 Senate Bill No. 2004, § 16)
- Receive a report during the 2017-18 interim from North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners, Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners, Board of Counselor Examiners, and North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board on the status of implementation of supervision and training requirements provided in 2017 Senate Bill No. 2033 (2017 Senate Bill No. 2033, § 5)
- Receive a report from the Task Force on Children's Behavioral Health every 6 months regarding the task force's efforts (2017 Senate Bill No. 2038, § 4)
- Receive a report from the Task Force on Children's Behavioral Health on its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations (2017 Senate Bill No. 2038, § 5)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 2003 § 34 Study the relationship between the University of North Dakota and the Energy and Environmental Research Center. The study must include a review of the working relationship between the entities including financial responsibilities and expectations of each entity including potential alternative administrative reporting lines and business models.
- Study higher education finances and the overall financial stability of institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education. The study must include a review of the finances of each institution, including short- and long-term debt obligations, operating income margins, estimated future tuition income, institutional reserves, and anticipated future funding changes through the higher education funding formula. (Legislative Management directive)
- Receive 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 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 (NDCC § 15-62.2-05)
- 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)
- Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding the status of efforts to collaborate with Minnesota entities for research network purposes (2017 Senate Bill No. 2003, § 33)
- Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education during the 2017-18 interim regarding the status of inconsistencies in employee classifications and human resources reporting, employee leave policies, practices for awarding tuition waivers, and practices regarding the charging of student fees, including policies and procedures being developed to address the inconsistencies (2017 Senate Bill No. 2003, § 37)
- Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education during the 2017-18 interim regarding the total number of employee positions reduced at each institution, the number of administrative positions reduced at each institution, and whether any former administrative staff employees are still employed by the institution at a different position (2017 Senate Bill No. 2003, § 38)

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 1012 § 34 Conduct a comprehensive study of the Department of Human Services. The study must include a review of the continuum of services for each population served, the delivery methods for those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of the services; the involvement of federal, state, and local governments and for-profit and nonprofit entities in the provision and funding of services; an analysis of the funding levels for the programs and services included in the delivery system; consideration of the appropriate role for each of the entities involved in the delivery system; and the development of a comprehensive master structure for the system.
- 1427 § 1 Study the impact of refugee resettlement on workforce, government services, particularly law enforcement, human services, education, and health care. The study shall include information from the resettlement agency, state and local government, and the business community. The study must develop recommendations to improve or modify the resettlement process. (Revised by Legislative Management)

- 2015 § 12 Study the operation, management, conditions, caseload, and physical plant of the Tompkins Rehabilitation Center at the State Hospital. The study must include the potential transition of the Tompkins Rehabilitation Center, including the transfer of the building, employees, and supervision and management of all operations and caseload of the Tompkins Rehabilitation Center, from the Department of Human Services and the State Hospital to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- Receive autism spectrum disorder plan from the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force before July 1, 2010, and an annual status report thereafter (NDCC § 50-06-32)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services regarding the autism spectrum disorder program pilot project (NDCC § 50-06-32.1)
- 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)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before August first of each even-numbered year, regarding provider reimbursement rates under the medical assistance expansion program (2017 House Bill No. 1012, § 38)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services during the 2017-18 interim, on the levels of funding provided for and spent on nursing home services and home- and community-based services by program during the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums and shall provide recommendations on options to increase the number and level of services and funding provided for home- and community-based services for the 2019-21 biennium (2017 House Bill No. 1038, § 3)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before August 1, 2018, regarding the outcome of the Medicaid fraud control unit feasibility and desirability study (2017 House Bill No. 1226, § 1)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before April 1, 2018, on the outcome of the Medicaid waiver study (2017 Senate Bill No. 2041, § 2)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(Limited to 6 Representatives, 5 Senators, and the Chief Information Officer - NDCC § 54-35-15.1)

- 2001 § 8 Study the delivery and cost of the Information Technology Department's services provided to state agencies. The study must include a review of the department's cost of services, staffing, and billing processes and must identify improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's services that will result in reduced costs for state agencies.
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 a report from the Chief Information Officer regarding the recommendations of the State Information Technology Advisory Committee relating to the prioritization of proposed major information technology projects and other information technology issues (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)
- 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)
- Receive from the Chief Information Officer recommendations of the Information Technology Department's advisory committee regarding major software projects for consideration and the drafting of appropriate legislation to implement the recommendations (NDCC § 54-59-02.1)
- 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)

INITIATED AND REFERRED MEASURES STUDY COMMISSION

(Not subject to committee preference selection)

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 1206 § 4 Study adoption by an identified or an unidentified adoptive parent. The study must include an evaluation and a comparison of the adoptive process and procedure, expenses, duration, and state tax credits and deductions associated with adoption by an identified or an unidentified adoptive parent.
- 1233 § 3 Study those provisions of Century Code that relate to firearms and weapons, for the purpose of eliminating provisions that are irrelevant or duplicative, clarifying provisions that are inconsistent or unclear in their intent and direction, and rearranging provisions in a logical order
- 3003 Study the impact of Marsy's Law on the statutorily provided rights of crime victims and those alleged to have committed crimes, and the criminal procedures relating to the rights of victims and criminal defendants
- 3014 Study the various legal notice and publishing requirements of all state agencies and political subdivisions, the related costs required in state and political subdivision budgets, and potential notification alternatives
- Statutory and constitutional revision
- Receive report from the Attorney General before July 1 of every even-numbered year on the current status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts in this state (NDCC § 19-03.1-44)
- 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 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 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)
- Receive a report from the Attorney General during the 2017-18 interim on the status and results of the human trafficking victims treatment and support services grant program (2017 Senate Bill No. 2203, §§ 1, 2)
- Receive a report from the Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children with recommendations for state policy that would prevent child sexual abuse (2017 Senate Bill No. 2342, § 1)
- Receive annual reports from the State Department of Health on the number of applications, registered qualifying patients, registered designated caregivers, nature or debilitating medical conditions, identification cards revoked, health care providers providing written certifications, compassionate care centers; and expenses incurred and revenues generated by the department. During the 2017-18 interim the State Department of Health shall also include the findings and recommendations of the study on adding identified medical conditions to the definition of "debilitating medical condition" in its annual reports (2017 Senate Bill No. 2344, §§ 4, 5)

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- 2015 § 11 Study alternatives to incarceration, with a focus on the behavioral health needs of individuals in the criminal justice system. The study must include receipt of reports on the status, effectiveness, and sustainability of the community behavioral health program for individuals in the criminal justice system which must include caseload data, any recognized savings to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, an overview of the training requirements for contract behavioral health service providers, and recommendations.
- 3002 Study the operation, management, conditions, standards, and supervision of city, county, and regional correctional facilities and other potential means to improve the rehabilitative function of city, county, and regional correctional facilities and a possible transition of the supervision of city, county, and regional correctional facilities from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to the Attorney General
- 4003 Study the current juvenile justice process, the appropriate age when a juvenile is considered capable of committing a criminal offense, levels of collaboration among various service systems, implementation of dispositional alternatives, and methods for improving outcomes for juveniles involved in the process
- Receive a report from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Supreme Court regarding the progress of the justice reinvestment initiative (2017 House Bill No. 1041, § 20)
- Receive a report from the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee before July 1, 2018, of the findings and recommendations of the study of implementation of justice reinvestment policies in the state and any legislation required to implement those recommendations (2017 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 4)
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LEGACY AND BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

(Limited to 2 Representatives appointed by the House Majority Leader,

2 Senators appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, and 3 nonlegislators - NDCC § 21-10-11)

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)

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Receive electronic copy of audit report from the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at least once every 2 years (NDCC § 4.1-52-08)
- Receive annual audit report from the State Fair Association (NDCC § 4.1-55-16)
- Receive annual audit report from a corporation receiving an ethanol or methanol production subsidy (NDCC § 10-19.1-152)
- Receive annual audit report from any limited liability company that produces agricultural ethanol alcohol or methanol in this state and which receives a production subsidy from the state (NDCC § 10-32-156)
- 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)
- Approve the State Auditor's hiring of a consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency (NDCC § 54-10-01)
- Determine 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)
- Study and review audit reports submitted by the State Auditor (NDCC § 54-35-02.2)
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LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

(Not subject to committee preference selection)

LEGISLATIVE REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Study state revenues and state revenue forecasts. The study must include monitoring state revenues and state economic activity, reviewing economic forecasting data and models, and reviewing and analyzing executive revenue forecasts and alternative revenue forecasts. (Legislative Management directive)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- 1008 § 7 Study the impact of wind energy development on the environment, addressing and researching issues common to North Dakota landowners, and identifying potential issues for legislation. The study may include consideration of the impact of wind energy development on the environment, including aesthetic impacts; the impact of wind energy development on property values; the impact of wind energy development on agriculture; the advantages and disadvantages of implementing legislation for pooling or unitization of wind resources similar to that of the oil and gas industry in NDCC Chapter 38-08; and the necessary processes for the decommissioning of a wind energy project.
- 2156 § 4 Study, in consultation with the Geological Division of the Department of Mineral Resources and the Environmental Health Section of the State Department of Health, whether state and local level regulation of high-level radioactive waste disposal is consistent with applicable federal regulations; how to ensure the state has proper input into the federal location selection process for high-level radioactive waste material deposits; the mechanisms for calling a special session to approve the depositing of high-level radioactive waste material in the state and the notice of disapproval requirements under federal law; special laws, local laws, and existing code regarding the potential existence of a legislative veto over executive branch authority to determine the size, scope, and location of high-level radioactive waste material deposits in the state and any existing conflicts with the Commerce Clause; and the feasibility and desirability of developing new statutes and regulations for subsurface disposal of waste and the storage and retrieval of material.
- 2286 § 4 Study cooperation and communication between the Public Service Commission and political subdivisions in regard to ensuring local ordinances and zoning provisions are considered and addressed as part of the application and public hearing process. The study must include examination of the impacts on relationships between landowners and the oil and gas industry; impacts on the efficiency of the siting process, including timelines associated with notification and permitting; impacts on the public input process; and impacts on compliance with, and enforcement of, political subdivision zoning ordinances.
- Receive a report from the Energy and Environmental Research Center by September 30, 2018, regarding the results and recommendations of the pipeline leak detection study (2017 House Bill No. 1347, § 3)
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TAXATION COMMITTEE

- 2166 § 6 Study how city growth and infill development affects property taxes, and evaluate the return on investment for state and community projects. The study must examine various policies affecting city development patterns, including the impact of transfer payments between state and local governments; the cost of government services and infrastructure, including future liability; the amount of tax revenue generated per increment of assumed liability for downtown areas; and whether certain areas of a city generate more revenue than expenses while other areas generate more expenses than revenue.
- 2166 § 7 Study the duplicative application of property tax incentives, including benefits received by properties located in both a tax increment financing district and a renaissance zone; the duration for which a single property may benefit from the use of multiple property tax incentives; and the impacts on the remainder of the property tax base that is not receiving incentives created as a result of offering property tax incentives
- 2206 § 18 Study the property tax system, with emphasis on the feasibility and desirability of providing property tax reform and relief. The study must include consideration of all property classifications and taxing districts and evaluate historical fluctuations in property values, the transparency of the property tax system, the processes and procedures available to taxpayers to contest valuations and assessments, the manner in which property tax information is provided to taxpayers, the process of determining taxing district budgets, and taxpayer participation and input in the property tax system.
- 2230 § 1 Study the feasibility and desirability of providing an income tax credit to individuals for premiums for hybrid long-term care partnership plan insurance coverage and the feasibility and desirability of incentivizing asset protection that may be equal to the amount paid out by the hybrid long-term care partnership plan
- Receive annual reports from the Division of Community Services on renaissance zone progress (NDCC § 40-63-03)
- Receive 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))

- Study the analysis of economic development tax incentives as provided in NDCC Section 54-35-26 (NDCC § 54-35-26)
- Receive the compilation and summary of state grantor reports filed annually by the Department of Commerce and the reports of state agencies that award business incentives for the previous calendar year (NDCC § 54-60.1-07)
- Receive report from the Tax Commissioner within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year from compiled reports from counties receiving allocations of oil and gas gross production tax revenues describing funds received, expended, and unexpended (NDCC § 57-51-15)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services before November 1, 2018, on the status of the state-paid economic assistance and social service pilot program and the development of a plan for permanent implementation (2017 Senate Bill No. 2206, § 8)

TRIBAL TAXATION COMMITTEE

(Not subject to committee preference selection)

WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

- 1020 § 14 Study issues related to the state's development of a statewide flood hazard risk management framework by granting authority to the State Engineer to perform a study and proof of concept demonstration to implement statewide flood risk management capabilities for assessing, managing, and reducing property-specific flood risk
- 1020 § 26 Study industrial water use of the oil and gas industry. The study must include the recapture of water used in fracking, the recycling of water used in fracking, and other oil and gas activities, fracking methods which do not require the use of water, and taxes or fees other states charge for water used in the oil and gas industry.
- 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)
- Receive quarterly progress reports from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (2017 House Bill No. 1020, § 8)
- Receive a report from the Industrial Commission by June 1, 2018, on the results of the study of the feasibility and desirability of the sale or lease of the industrial water supply assets of the Western Area Water Supply Authority and the timeline to complete the lease or sale (2017 House Bill No. 1020, §§ 11, 12)
- Receive a report from the Industrial Commission by September 30, 2018, regarding the results and recommendations of the study of the feasibility of and appropriate jurisdiction for regulation of sediment studies and dredging operations from the beds of reservoirs (2017 Senate Bill No. 2014, § 29)
- Receive a report from the Bank of North Dakota on the terms and conditions of the Western Area Water Supply Authority consolidation loan upon its completion (2017 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 9)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

**(Limited to 3 Representatives--2 selected by House Majority Leader and
1 selected by House Minority Leader--and 3 Senators--2 selected by Senate Majority Leader
and 1 selected by Senate Minority Leader - NDCC § 54-35-22)**

- Review workers' compensation claims that are brought to the committee by injured workers for the purpose of determining whether changes should be made to the laws relating to workers' compensation (NDCC § 54-35-22)
- Receive report from the Director of Workforce Safety and Insurance, the Chairman of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors, and the audit firm regarding the quadrennial performance evaluation of Workforce Safety and Insurance and select no more than four elements for inclusion in the performance evaluation (NDCC § 65-02-30)
- Receive biennial report from Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding compiled data relating to safety grants issued under NDCC Chapter 65-03 (NDCC § 65-03-05)
- Receive annual report from Workforce Safety and Insurance which includes reports on pilot programs to assess alternative methods of providing rehabilitation services (NDCC § 65-05.1-06.3)
- Receive report from Workforce Safety and Insurance on recommendations based on a biennial safety review of Roughrider Industries work programs and a biennial performance review of the program of modified workers' compensation coverage by Workforce Safety and Insurance (NDCC § 65-06.2-09)