



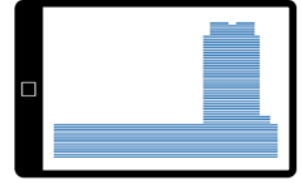
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Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent  
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction  
*"How are the children?"*



**Feb. 28, 2025**

The Legislature is on its midsession break. Hearings on bills will not resume until 9 a.m. Wednesday, and the House and Senate will not resume floor sessions to vote on bills until Friday, March 7. This tactic saves legislative days. The North Dakota Constitution imposes an 80-day limit on legislative meetings over two years, and legislative days are counted only if the House or Senate holds a floor session. Friday, March 7, will be Day 35 of the 2025 session.

In the meantime, here are some education bills of interest to students and families to watch when the Legislature resumes:

### **Education Savings Accounts**

**SB2400:** The [most recent version](#) of this bill would provide an education savings account payment of \$1,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2026, for every student whose family income was no more than 300 percent of [the federal poverty level](#). For 2025, that equals \$96,450 for a family of four. The money may be spent on a variety of education-related expenses, including nonpublic school tuition, textbooks, tutoring, meals, mental health counseling, Advanced Placement exams, and specialized education camps. Students may benefit from an education savings account whether they attend a public or nonpublic school.

**HB1540:** [As presently written](#), this bill would provide education savings account stipends of [just over \\$4,000 per student](#) annually, with future amounts adjusted according to state aid allocations to public schools. It would be available only for nonpublic school students; those who attend public schools, or who are home-schooled, would not be eligible. The funds could be spent on nonpublic school tuition and fees, textbooks, exams, computer hardware and software, transportation costs, tutoring, and other expenses.

### **School Meals**

The Legislature has defeated two bills, [HB1475](#) and [HB1553](#), that set aside \$140 million to provide breakfast and lunch to students in grades kindergarten through 12 at no cost to them. The Department of Public Instruction's budget bill, [HB1013](#),

includes \$4.5 million to provide free meals to K-12 students whose family incomes are 225 percent or less of the federal poverty level. That equals [\\$72,337 for a family of four](#). This change provides school meals at no cost to some students whose families make slightly more than the federal qualifying threshold.

**School Electronics Restrictions**

[SB2354](#) requires school districts to adopt policies to regulate student use of personal mobile phones, tablets, and laptops at school. The bill says students, parents and educators must be consulted when developing the policy, which must be in place by Aug. 1, 2026. The policy must be published on the district’s website and reviewed annually.

**Veteran Teachers**

[HB1238](#) would shorten the time in which a teacher becomes eligible for a lifetime license from 30 years to 20 years.

**School Bus Fine**

[HB1294](#) raises the fine for passing a stopped school bus from \$100 to \$250, with any subsequent offense within five years carrying a penalty of \$750.

**Department of Public Instruction  
2025 Legislature Bill Tracker  
Friday, Feb. 28, 2025  
(Changes from Previous Week in Red)**

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<a href="#">HB1012</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 52-35, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1013</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Public Instruction, the Center for Distance Education, the State Library, the School for the Deaf/Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 72-17, 2/25

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1024</a>	Appropriations	Appropriation bill for the Adjutant General and the attorney general to provide funds for the current state budget period. This is known as the “deficiency appropriation” bill.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 86-4, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1034</a>	<a href="#">Interim Juvenile Justice Committee</a>	Outlines procedure for “re-establishment” of a legal relationship between child and parent and establishes juvenile court as the original forum for these proceedings.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Held, 2/18
<a href="#">HB1036</a>	<a href="#">Interim Workforce Committee</a>	Creates a division of apprenticeship within the state Department of Labor and Human Rights, directs the division to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Labor on apprenticeship programs, and orders development of a pilot program to support businesses that want to develop apprenticeships. Authorizes three positions for the division and appropriates \$650,000 to hire staff.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated by House, 8-85, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1048</a>	Supreme Court	Requires a mediator to prepare a written summary of any agreement and prohibits showing the summary to a judge without it being signed by both parties. Requires mediators to inform a judge whether a mediation agreement was reached.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Held, 2/18

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1049</a>	State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	Requires a speech-language pathology assistant licensee to have at least 100 hours of supervised clinical experience and a two-year degree in a speech-language pathology assistants' program or a bachelor's degree in another field with coursework in communications disorders.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Hearing Held, 2/20

<a href="#">HB1067</a>	Department of Health and Human Services	<b>Relates to medical assistance benefits for children.</b>	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1072</a>	Department of Health and Human Services	Allows payments to guardians for children in foster care if the Department of Health and Human Services grants subsidy approval. Allows the department to deny or revoke a foster care facility license or certification if a court has ordered a child to be removed from the facility within the previous five years.	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Hearing Held, 2/11

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1081</a>	Office of Management and Budget	Eliminates a requirement that state agencies include in their financial statements all of their fixed assets that are worth more than \$5,000. Also abolishes a requirement to prepare an analysis of decisions to lease assets. (Repeals NDCC 54-27-21 and 54-27-21.1)	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Held, 2/10
<a href="#">HB1095</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Kiefert</a>	Authorizes a school district to appoint a child protective services liaison and lists training requirements for the liaison.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Approved by House, 81-9, 2/21
<a href="#">HB1105</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Allows school districts to impose time limits on virtual instruction, restrict access to certain time periods, and establish student eligibility requirements for virtual instruction.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1109</a>	Department of Health and Human Services	Changes “treatment or care center” to “provider agency” when referring to entities that provide services to the developmentally disabled. Outlines circumstances under which a provider agency may have its operating license restricted or revoked.	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Hearing Held, 2/11
<a href="#">HB1122</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Nelson</a>	Relates to regulation of state purchasing contracts and cooperative purchasing by multiple state agencies.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing 9a. 3/7

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1129</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Appropriates \$1 million for the Department of Public Instruction to address student attendance and absenteeism in grades K-12.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated by House, 2-88, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1130</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Gives school districts an option for changing how their state aid payments are calculated. Generally, the changes benefit school districts with oil and gas income and other revenue sources that are not taxed on property value, such as revenue from wind farms and telecommunications. The change benefits about 28 school districts.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 69-23, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1132</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Holle</a>	Authorizes public and nonpublic schools to serve whole, 2 percent and flavored milk in bulk dispensers.	<a href="#">Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 9a, 3/6
<a href="#">HB1133</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Longmuir</a>	Requires county superintendents of schools to preserve records of their official acts and records acquired by the office that have “educational value or interest.”	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Do Pass, 5-1, 2/21
<a href="#">HB1134</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heilman</a>	Adds a new definition of harassment that covers “doxxing,” i.e. electronic communication and publication of an individual’s personal identifying information on a public internet site or public forum.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1138</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Pyle</a>	Allows local boards more latitude in scheduling bond elections.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1143</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Pyle</a>	Appropriates \$5 million to the state Agriculture Department to establish a grant program for food distribution facilities.	<a href="#">Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1144</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Tveit</a>	Requires multi-person shower rooms or restrooms on school grounds to be designated for males or females only. Prohibits multi-stall, gender-neutral restrooms and shower rooms. Bans any policy that requires students to be addressed by their preferred pronouns.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1146</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Lefor</a>	Regulates state government contributions to the defined benefit pension plan for state employees.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing 10a, 3/6
<a href="#">HB1160</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Orders school districts to adopt policies that govern restrictions of student cell phone use at school. The policies must include medical and educational accommodations and provisions for using a cell phone in emergencies that affect the health, safety, or well-being of a student or staff member.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1163</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Establishes a \$1 billion school construction loan fund as part of the state Legacy Fund. Limits loan interest rates to 1 percent annually and 20 years duration. Loans limited to \$10 million total or \$10 million per thousand students in the school district, whichever is higher.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated by House, 5-84, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1164</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schrieber-Beck</a>	Changes definition of “student with a disability” as it relates to being deaf or hard of hearing.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1168</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Louser</a>	Reduces school district property tax contribution to state school aid payments from 60 mills to 50 mills. Limits local governments, except for school districts, to 3 percent increases in property taxes each year.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 88-3, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1170</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Motschenbacher</a>	Provides 40 hours of leave for newly hired state employees, which may be used in their first year of employment.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1176</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Nathe</a>	Authorizes the Legacy Fund to provide enough earnings to pay for a residential property tax credit of up to \$1,450 annually per homeowner. Expands eligibility for the homestead property tax credit and a state refund program for renters.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 81-10, 2/25

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<a href="#">HB1178</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Requires school districts to adopt policies to allow students who are eligible to vote to leave campus during the school day to vote in a general, primary, or special election.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing 1:30p, 3/5
<a href="#">HB1181</a>	<a href="#">Rep. S. Olson</a>	Requires any entity that receives state money to refer to individuals by their gender/sex. The policy applies to all policies, records, forms, rules, standards, procedures, guides, materials, instruction, training, correspondence, advertising, or marketing used by a North Dakota public school or University System institution, state agency or office, unless otherwise required by federal law.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1188</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Lefor</a>	Regulates fees charged to school districts based on their students' use of programs at area career and technology centers.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Held, 2/18
<a href="#">HB1199</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Holle</a>	Creates a task force on missing indigenous people, which includes the superintendent of public instruction, to do research and make recommendations on how to reduce the number of murdered or missing indigenous people. Appropriates \$250,000 for a missing indigenous people grant fund.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1200</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Louser</a>	Allows a high school student to substitute an “alternative course” for no more than one unit that is required for graduation, “if the student demonstrates an emergent circumstance.”	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1214</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Establishes new method for paying state transportation aid to school districts, <b>based on weighted student units. The transportation payment would rise along with increases in per-student state aid payments.</b>	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	<b>Approved by House, 93-0, 2/24</b>
<a href="#">HB1220</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Motschenbacher</a>	Authorizes the North Dakota University System to offer “accelerated degrees,” for which students will not be required to earn general education credits, for “high-demand occupations.”	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1222</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	<b>Requires school boards to adopt a policy that offers every student the opportunity to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each school day.</b>	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	<b>Hearing Not Scheduled</b>
<a href="#">HB1223</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Allows schools more flexibility in their policies for suspending or expelling students, with the length of the penalty depending on the severity of the offense, the student’s age and disciplinary history.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	<b>Hearing 9:30a, 3/5</b>

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1238</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Ista</a>	Says an instructor who has been licensed to teach in North Dakota for 20 years must be granted a lifetime license. This time period is shortened from 30 years.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1244</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schatz</a>	Provides a state income tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child each year for home schooling expenses. If a married person is filing a separate tax return, the maximum credit is \$500.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Defeated by Senate, 15-30, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1247</a>	<a href="#">Rep. D. Johnston</a>	A school district must provide for “proper separation” and develop a safety plan in cases where a student has sexually assaulted another student and they are attending the same school.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing 10a, 3/5
<a href="#">HB1257</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Hendrix</a>	Lengthens the Legislature’s organizational session from three to five days, and includes reports by each constitutional office and information about procedures of legislative committees.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Approved by House, 50-43, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1261</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schreiber-Beck</a>	Repeals a legislative order that the Department of Public Instruction offer credentials for special education strategists and provisional special education strategists. (Repeals 15.1-18-05 and 15.1-18-06)	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Do Pass, 5-0, 2/21

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1279</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Extends a state tax break for coal-fueled power plants to July 1, 2036.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1294</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Raises the fine for illegally overtaking or passing a school bus from \$100 to \$250.	<a href="#">Senate Transportation</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1300</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Affects how service time in the Legislature is calculated.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1308</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Satrom</a>	Expands and strengthens the duties of the state human trafficking commission. Provides legal immunity for teachers, attorneys and other “regulated professions” who report suspected cases of human trafficking in good faith.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1328</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Requires a school to exhaust all school discipline policies before referring a child to juvenile court.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1329</a>	<a href="#">Rep. O’Brien</a>	Requests an interim legislative study of whether to establish a government spending database, which would include a review of training services needed for school board members, superintendents, principals, and business managers.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Approved by House, 81-8, 2/21

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<a href="#">HB1338</a>	<a href="#">Rep. M. Ruby</a>	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify a military installation's family advocacy program about allegations of child abuse or neglect that involve a "military-affiliated individual."	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1351</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Satrom</a>	Makes it a crime, punishable by a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine, to produce, promote, advertise, broadcast or transmit a sexually explicit deepfake video or image.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1355</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Steiner</a>	Requires agencies to prepare a short summary of proposed administrative rule changes for publication in the newspaper.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1357</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Morton</a>	Requires the state school superintendent to obtain a data sharing agreement with a school district as a condition of state approval.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing 11a, 3/5
<a href="#">HB1363</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Meier</a>	Requires the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a customizable cardiac emergency response plan for public and nonpublic schools.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Approved by House, 88-2, 2/25

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<a href="#">HB1365</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Removes a state ban on possessing firearms within a church or public building. Authorizes local governments to enact bans on possessing firearms within the public areas of public buildings. Firearms remain banned on school property or within a school-sponsored event.	<a href="#">House Energy and Natural Resources</a>	Defeated in House, 29-62, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1368</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Allows the Legislature's Administrative Rules Committee to void proposed administrative rules if there is "an absence of necessity" or "an absence of reasonableness."	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1369</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Changes weighting factors for the state's local education aid formula. Raises per-student payment. Transfers \$75 million from foundation aid stabilization fund to a school construction loan fund.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 78-12, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1381</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Brandenburg</a>	Changes the property tax treatment of several types of property within the state education finance formula.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 64-26, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1387</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Allows school boards to cancel classes or require that students be segregated from voters during regular school hours if the school is used as a polling place during national, state or local election days.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing 1p, 3/5

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<a href="#">HB1404</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schreiber-Beck</a>	Replaces the ACT with the NDA+ assessment when determining whether a student qualifies for a North Dakota Scholarship.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1408</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Bahl</a>	Requires annual sessions of the Legislature, with sessions scheduled within a period of 70 calendar days each year.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 64-26, 2/21
<a href="#">HB1468</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Bosch</a>	Appropriates \$16 million to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a behavioral health facility in west-central North Dakota.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 84-6, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1472</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Morton</a>	Authorizes a “microschool” that may have no more than 50 students; may be established in a home, public space, church, or other nontraditional properties; and requires only that a teacher have a high school diploma or its equivalent.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Defeated by House, 41-49, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1474</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Toman</a>	Requests a legislative interim study of property tax reform methods, including limits on taxable valuation increases and taxing property by the square foot.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing 10a, 3/5

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<a href="#">HB1475</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Hatlestad</a>	Requires students at all K-12 schools, including public, nonpublic, and tribal schools, to be furnished breakfast and lunch during school days at no cost to the student.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated by House, 39-54, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1476</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Requires the Department of Public Instruction to <b>develop and maintain a system for tracking assessments of school buildings. It would track the original construction year, facility additions, square footage, and recommended maintenance.</b>	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 93-0, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1482</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Wagner</a>	Says any vote on raising a local government's debt limit must take place in a primary or general election. The special election option is removed.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1494</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Provides more state aid for school districts for teaching students who are not proficient in English.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated in House, 23-69, 2/25
<a href="#">HB1497</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Maki</a>	Allows children to enroll in an education program for 4-year-olds if he or she meets certain criteria, and the child turns 4 by Dec. 1 of the year he or she enrolls. Under current law, the child has to turn 4 by August of the year he or she enrolls.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">HB1510</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schreiber-Beck</a>	Requires the Bank of North Dakota, the Teachers' Fund for Retirement, and a teacher support program coordinator to gather information from school districts about their teacher pay and benefits. Authorizes a school district to provide child-care facilities for its teachers on school property.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 82-11, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1527</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Maki</a>	Requires schools to include instruction on antisemitism and the Holocaust in the required <b>coursework on world history</b> .	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Approved by House, 85-7, 2/24
<a href="#">HB1530</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schneider</a>	Requests an interim legislative study about the shortage of special education teachers and the "circumstances and collective needs of special education."	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1540</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Authorizes education savings accounts to pay for student education expenses. Provides a payment for savings accounts equal to 50 percent of the state <b>per-student aid payment to public schools</b> .	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by House, 51-39, 2/25

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<a href="#">HB1547</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Requires an interim legislative study of special education funding. Specifies the membership of the funding study committee.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1562</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Osowski</a>	Requires public and nonpublic school teachers, administrators, librarians and counselors to complete a mandated reporter training program for suspected child abuse or neglect. Orders the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a training program.	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Hearing 11:05a, 3/5
<a href="#">HB1563</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Davis</a>	Requests an interim legislative study of the taxation of tribal land owned by enrolled tribal members.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Held, 2/12
<a href="#">HB1572</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Hagert</a>	Requires the Tax Department and local tax officials to gather data on tax-exempt property, including its classification, county location, and true and full value, and report the information to Legislative Management. Imposes a \$15 million limit on any general obligation bond issue by a municipal park district.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1575</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Weisz</a>	Creates a Legacy Property Tax Relief Fund and provides property tax buydowns, based on income, for a person’s primary residence. <b>Provides reductions in taxable property values for residential, commercial and agricultural property.</b> Provides annual subsidies for renters of up to \$600, depending on income.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	<b>Approved by House, 86-5, 2/25</b>
<a href="#">HB1580</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Vetter</a>	Requests an interim study of the compensation system for classified state employees, including comparisons to private sector compensation and employee retention and equity bonuses.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1588</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Removes the state ban on firearms possession in a “publicly owned or operated building.” Allows political subdivisions to ban guns in public areas of their buildings. Allows the governor and retired state and federal judges to a list of individuals allowed to carry firearms in a public gathering.	<a href="#">House Energy and Natural Resources</a>	<b>Approved by House, 49-43, 2/25</b>

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<a href="#">HB1599</a>	<a href="#">Rep. O'Brien</a>	Removes need for a medical provider to verify the "severe, extreme or life-threatening nature" of a state employee's medical condition for the employee to qualify for a leave-sharing program.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1604</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Murphy</a>	Establishes a \$600 million school construction fund, outlines a state subsidy payment schedule for school construction projects, and puts the superintendent of public instruction in charge of overseeing architect selection for projects.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Defeated by House, 19-71, 2/25
<a href="#">HCR3028</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Vetter</a>	Requests a legislative study of service and re-entry programs provided to victims of human trafficking.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HCR3034</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Kasper</a>	Amends the North Dakota Constitution to limit the governor and lieutenant governor to eight years of service and other executive branch officers to 12 years. Modifies existing term limits for state legislators.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 10a, 3/7
<a href="#">SB2003</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the North Dakota University System.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 44-2, 2/25
<a href="#">SB2019</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 2/20

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<a href="#">SB2029</a>	<a href="#">Interim Government Finance</a>	Establishes an office of guardianship and conservatorship under the North Dakota Supreme Court to develop policies and procedures and ethical standards for guardians and conservators.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2030</a>	<a href="#">Interim Government Services</a>	Appropriates \$1 million to the Department of Public Instruction for homeless assistance grants for North Dakota's 10 largest school districts.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Defeated by Senate, 4-43, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2036</a>	<a href="#">Interim Juvenile Justice</a>	Creates a definition of "fitness to proceed" that requires a juvenile to be evaluated to determine whether the juvenile can assist in his or her criminal defense. Codifies a juvenile's due process rights.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2037</a>	<a href="#">Interim Juvenile Justice</a>	Changes how certain penalties may be imposed for minors for delinquent conduct, including sex offender registration, possession of tobacco, prohibition from possessing firearms, and suspension of driving privileges.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Hearing 9a, 3/5

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2043</a>	Education Standards and Practices Board	Treats teacher license suspension and revocation proceedings alike when a teacher is accused of sexual offenses or crimes against a child, regardless of whether the charges are brought in state or federal court.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing 9a, 3/5
<a href="#">SB2048</a>	Information Technology Department	Provides more flexibility in developing information technology plans. Eliminates requirements to report specific dates for plan changes. Requires the state information technology plan be developed with emphasis on agency strategic goals, business objectives, and alignment with statewide information technology initiatives.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 8:30a, 3/6
<a href="#">SB2049</a>	Information Technology Department	Changes the makeup of the “executive steering committee” for a major information technology project and changes its name to “oversight committee.” Expands criteria for defining a major project.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 9:45a, 3/6
<a href="#">SB2055</a>	ND Supreme Court	Corrects a reference in state law relating to the release of juvenile records.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Hearing Held, 2/18

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2061</a>	Department of Transportation	Expands the number of railroad crossings that may be posted as “exempt,” which means school buses are not required to stop at them.	<a href="#">House Transportation</a>	Hearing 9a, 3/6
<a href="#">SB2072</a>	Office of Management and Budget	Raises the money threshold for allowing agencies to buy “routine or standardized products” from \$1,000 to \$20,000, if there is no reasonable risk that doing so will impose “an improper contractual obligation” on the agency.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 2:15p, 3/6
<a href="#">SB2084</a>	Office of Management and Budget	Says in-state lodging rates for North Dakota employees must be the same as the federal General Services Administration’s rates for the city, plus any applicable taxes. The state Office of Management and Budget is given authority to set lodging rates when the federal rate is not available. Sets mileage reimbursement rates to equal the federal GSA rates. Raises lodging rates for legislators during sessions.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 2p, 3/6

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2096</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Mathern</a>	Provides \$16 million to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to improve regional acute psychiatric treatment services, behavioral health services, and residential supportive housing.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Hearing 3p, 3/5
<a href="#">SB2104</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Beard</a>	Allows any North Dakota resident to submit complaints to the Department of Public Instruction about a school district's "failure to comply with an education-related law." Gives the superintendent authority to investigate alleged examples of noncompliance and withhold state school aid from repeat offenders.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2105</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Beard</a>	Restricts when surveys may be administered to K-12 students in schools and career and technical education centers to obtain information from them.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2113</a>	Department of Health and Human Services	Changes the name of state human service centers to "State Operated Behavioral Health Clinics." Appropriates \$150,000 to change signage. Extends the life of the "cross-disability advisory council" until Aug. 1, 2027, and changes the council's membership.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2126</a>	Commission on Uniform State Laws	Adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2134</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Allows the state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction to name designees from their respective agencies to the board of directors of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2146</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Adopts the occupational therapy licensure compact.	<a href="#">House Industry, Business and Labor</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2147</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Sickler</a>	Provides supplemental college student financial assistance grants for students with family incomes of less than \$80,000 annually. Expands eligibility for grants to students who live within 50 miles of the North Dakota border.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2149</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Provides \$20 million in low-interest school construction loans for projects on North Dakota's U.S. Air Force bases.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SB2158</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Says up to \$500,000 of the leftover cash balance of a dissolved school district may be given to another political subdivision within the district before it is distributed as a tax credit to the district's property taxpayers.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing 11a, 3/7
<a href="#">SB2160</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Davison</a>	Shifts active state employees and retirees who are not on Medicare into the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System's "non-grandfathered" health insurance plan. This is expected to increase the cost of the health insurance plan.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 44-2, 2/25
<a href="#">SB2169</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Burckhard</a>	Requires a physical therapist to obtain informed consent from a patient or the patient's representative about an overall plan of care.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2176</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Restructures membership of the state Children's Cabinet and directs the governor's office to provide staff support. Provides authority for working groups to develop policies affecting children and families, orders annual reports to the Legislature, and appropriates \$220,000 for administrative costs.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2180</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Paulson</a>	Requires meetings of public entities to set aside time at some meetings for public comment. Says political subdivisions may establish public comment rules for regular meetings.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2196</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Authorizes students to use a self-administered epinephrine nasal spray to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2198</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boschee</a>	Affects leave pay for state or local government employees who are members of the National Guard or the armed forces reserve.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2201</a>	<a href="#">Sen Weber</a>	Provides a \$500 property tax credit for a primary residence for 2025 and retroactively for the 2024 tax year. Broadens the definition of primary residence and who may qualify for the credit. Extends the credit to primary residences that are owned in trust.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Signed by Governor, 2/18

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2213</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Institutes new education and professional development requirements for mathematics teachers. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules governing mathematics curriculum and teacher professional development in math. Appropriates \$1.2 million to the Department of Public Instruction to support improved math instruction in grades kindergarten through eight.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2234</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Davison</a>	Appropriates \$2 million to the Department of Public Instruction for competitive Choice Ready grants to school districts to assist high school students.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing 2:30p, 3/5
<a href="#">SB2239</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boschee</a>	Appropriates \$1.1 million to the Department of Labor and Human Rights to administer an apprenticeship grant program. Provides up to \$3,000 within three years for apprenticeship grant beneficiaries.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 45-1, 2/21

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2241</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Allows for public charter schools, which would be approved by the state superintendent of public instruction. Exempts public charter schools from some state education laws and rules.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2244</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Paulson</a>	Says a parent has a fundamental right to primary control of the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of the parent's child. Requires school boards to encourage parent participation in the school district. Requires a parent's written consent before the parent's child receives instruction about gender stereotypes, gender identity, sexual orientation or sexual relationships.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2251</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Cleary</a>	Affects what the state auditor may charge to perform an audit.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Hearing 3:30p, 3/6
<a href="#">SB2258</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Beard</a>	Requires a state agency to specify a law or rule that is being enforced against an individual if the person requests the information.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Approved by Senate, 30-17, 2/24

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2259</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Lee</a>	Abolishes a requirement that county, city, township, or school district officers provide forms needed to make proper records and transact official business connected with their respective offices.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2262</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Braunberger</a>	Authorizes the K-12 Education Coordination Council to enter a contract to conduct a study. Appropriates \$120,000 to the Department of Public Instruction to pay for contracts agreed to by the K-12 Education Coordination Council.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2263</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Braunberger</a>	Appropriates \$500,000 to the Department of Public Instruction for mastery framework training grants.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Defeated by Senate, 5-42, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2275</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Luick</a>	Appropriates \$49,500 to the Department of Public Instruction to pay grants to schools that teach foreign languages to students in grades K-3. Grants may not exceed \$2,500 per teacher and may be used for stipends, program costs or materials.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SB2305</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Hogan</a>	Establishes a family caregiver services <b>pilot project</b> where the caregiver is paid. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to request a Medicaid waiver to facilitate the program.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2307</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boehm</a>	Requires public libraries and school districts to develop policies to relocate any “explicit sexual material” to an area in the library that is not accessible to minors.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2308</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	<b>Requests an interim legislative study of the duties and responsibilities of state boards and commissions.</b>	Senate Appropriations	<b>Approved by Senate, 30-15, 2/25</b>
<a href="#">SB2330</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boehm</a>	Requires students in grades 4-12 in North Dakota public schools and tribal schools to receive education about the prevention of human trafficking and exploitation. Appropriates \$48,000 to the superintendent of public instruction to implement human trafficking and exploitation awareness and education.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SB2341</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Adopts the interstate compact for school psychologists.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Approved by Senate, 44-3, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2350</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Paulson</a>	Exempts public employee performance and discipline records from public disclosure for three years or until termination of employment, whichever occurs first, unless the records are requested by law enforcement as part of a hiring process or are part of an internal investigation.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Defeated by Senate, 22-25, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2351</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Beard</a>	Requires certified-mail notification for property owners affected by a school district annexation petition. <b>They would need to get at least 14 days' notice.</b>	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2353</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Davison</a>	Authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to contract with regional education associations for services. Allows REAs to provide services to school districts that are not members of the association.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">SB2354</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Requires school districts to adopt policies to govern use of <b>personal</b> cellphones, tablets and laptops at school <b>by Aug. 1, 2026</b> . Students, parents and educators must be consulted in developing the policy, which must be published on the district's website and reviewed annually.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SB2355</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Dwyer</a>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to include “intelligent design” in state science content standards for elementary, middle and high schools by Aug. 1, 2027. Says the superintendent must provide teachers with instructional materials demonstrating intelligent design is a viable scientific theory for the creation of life and provide training in teaching intelligent design.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Defeated by Senate, 22-25, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2362</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide accreditation options for schools and outlines a process for selecting them.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Approved by Senate, 42-4, 2/21
<a href="#">SB2363</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Erbele</a>	Changes the integrated payments formula for state school aid to deduct 53 mills on agricultural property and 60 mills on all other types of property. This would increase the state aid share by \$18.8 million over two years.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Defeated by Senate, 23-23, 2/25
<a href="#">SB2367</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Myrdal</a>	Requires the county director of tax equalization to develop “modifiers,” such as trees, rocks, streams, and roads, for adjusting the assessments of agricultural property.	<a href="#">House Finance and Taxation</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SB2378</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Weber</a>	Limits annual property tax revenue growth by local governments to the increase in the consumer price index. Allows a local government to exceed the property tax limitation if the proposal is put on the ballot, and two-thirds of the voters agree.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Defeated by Senate, 16-31, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2392</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Wobbema</a>	Prohibits the Board of Higher Education and institutions that are part of the North Dakota University System from engaging in any policy or practice that asserts a “personal identity characteristic” is superior or inferior to another.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Defeated by Senate, 1-46, 2/24
<a href="#">SB2400</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to oversee an education savings account program. Specifies money amounts that are deposited in student education savings accounts, <b>depending on family incomes</b> . Sets out standards for schools if they are to accept ESA money.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 25-22, 2/21
<a href="#">SCR4019</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boschee</a>	Requests a legislative study of reading and mathematics proficiency rates among students with disabilities.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled

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<a href="#">SCR4022</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Luick</a>	Amends the North Dakota Constitution to extend voting rights in elections that affect property tax or bond issues to people who own property within the taxing district but do not live there.	<a href="#">State and Local Government</a>	Defeated by Senate, 7-40, 2/24
<a href="#">SCR4028</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Gerhardt</a>	Amends the North Dakota Constitution to limit the service of all statewide officeholders, Says no one may be elected to the House or Senate more than three times.	<a href="#">State and Local Government</a>	Hearing 1p, 3/6
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