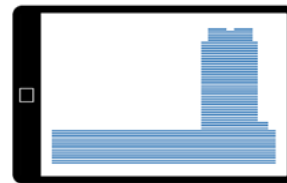




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ND Legislative News

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"How are the children?"



March 14, 2025

This week recalls the fifth anniversary of an event that is painful to recall – then-Gov. Burgum’s announcement that North Dakota’s K-12 schools would be closed by executive order from Monday, March 16, to Friday, March 20, 2020, to “slow the spread” of COVID-19.

As we all remember, this temporary closure lasted through the end of the 2019-20 school year. Our teachers were asked to switch to online instruction. Graduations and sports tournaments were canceled. Our schools didn’t reopen for face-to-face teaching until summer programs began in June 2020, and during the following school year, our teachers were asked to juggle face-to-face and virtual instruction.

It was a stressful time for everyone.

Today, in the wake of the pandemic, we continue to focus on ways to improve instruction and repair the pandemic’s lingering challenges to education, through programs that strengthen instruction in reading, mathematics, computer science, and other subjects.

Virtual classrooms have gained prominence as a teaching option; the Center for Distance Education, which provides a comprehensive curriculum for K-12 students, is increasingly popular, and our state legislators have made it easier for students and their families to use its services.

Our Department of Public Instruction team and our school districts did a thorough, responsible job of managing the federal recovery aid that Congress provided. These financed initiatives that benefited North Dakota students and their families.

The pandemic touched off a passionate debate about public health policy that will continue long into the future. I hope that all of us learn from these discussions and reach a consensus on what our best practices should be.

We will continue to learn the lessons of the pandemic as we move forward, and we at the Department of Public Instruction want to thank our great North Dakota educators for continuing their work and their commitment to students.

Department of Public Instruction
2025 Legislature Bill Tracker
Friday, March 14, 2025
(Changes from Previous Week in Red)

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1012	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services.	Senate Appropriations	Hearings 3/17-3/21
HB1013	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.	Senate Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/10
HB1024	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.	Senate Appropriations	Committee Work, 2:15p, 3/17
HB1034	Interim Juvenile Justice Committee	Outlines procedure for “re-establishment” of a legal relationship between child and parent and establishes juvenile court as the original forum for these proceedings.	Senate Judiciary	Hearing Held, 2/18

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1048	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.	Senate Judiciary	Sent to Governor, 3/14
HB1049	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.	Senate Workforce Development	Hearing Held, 2/20
HB1067	Department of Health and Human Services	Relates to medical assistance benefits for children.	Senate Human Services	Committee Work Held, 3/12

HB1081	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)	Senate Finance and Taxation	Sent to Governor, 3/14
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Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1095	Rep. Kiefert	Authorizes a school district to appoint a child protective services liaison and lists training requirements for the liaison.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/10
HB1105	Rep. Jonas	Allows school districts to impose time limits on virtual instruction, restrict access to certain time periods, and establish student eligibility requirements for virtual instruction.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/12
HB1109	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.	Senate Human Services	Approved by Senate, 45-0, 3/10
HB1122	Rep. Nelson	Relates to regulation of state purchasing contracts and cooperative purchasing by multiple state agencies.	Senate State and Local Government	Approved by Senate, 46-1, 3/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1130	Rep. Richter	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1132	Rep. Holle	Authorizes public and nonpublic schools to serve whole, 2 percent and flavored milk in bulk dispensers.	Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/11
HB1133	Rep. Longmuir	Requires county superintendents of schools to preserve records of their official acts and records acquired by the office that have “educational value or interest.”	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/13
HB1134	Rep. Heilman	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 with the intent of harassing the person.	Senate Judiciary	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/11
HB1138	Rep. Pyle	Allows local boards more latitude in scheduling bond elections.	Senate State and Local Government	Do Pass, 6-0, 3/14

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1143	Rep. Pyle	Appropriates \$5 million to the state Agriculture Department to establish a grant program for food distribution facilities.	Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs	Hearing Held, 3/13
HB1144	Rep. Tveit	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1146	Rep. Lefor	Regulates state government contributions to the defined benefit pension plan for state employees.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing 9a, 3/20
HB1160	Rep. Jonas	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled

Bill No.	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1164	Rep. Schrieber-Beck	Changes definition of “student with a disability” as it relates to being deaf or hard of hearing.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/11
HB1168	Rep. Louser	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.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing Held, 3/11
HB1170	Rep. Motschenbacher	Provides 40 hours of unpaid leave for newly hired state employees, which may be used in their first year of employment.	Senate State and Local Government	Amended, Do Pass, 5-0, 3/14
HB1176	Rep. Nathe	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.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing 9a, 3/17
HB1178	Rep. Novak	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.	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/13

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1181	Rep. S. Olson	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1188	Rep. Lefor	Regulates fees charged to school districts based on their students' use of programs at area career and technology centers.	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/14
HB1199	Rep. Holle	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.	Senate Workforce Development	Hearing Held, 3/13
HB1200	Rep. Louser	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."	Senate Education	Hearing 11:30a, 3/18

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1214	Rep. Richter	Establishes new method for paying state transportation aid to school districts, based on weighted student units. The transportation payment would rise along with increases in per-student state aid payments.	House Appropriations	Hearing 11a, 3/17
HB1220	Rep. Motschenbacher	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.”	Senate Workforce Development	Hearing 9a, 3/21
HB1222	Rep. Novak	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.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 44-3, 3/13
HB1223	Rep. Jonas	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Held, 3/5
HB1238	Rep. Ista	Says an instructor who has been licensed to teach in North Dakota for 25 years must be granted a lifetime license. This time period is shortened from 30 years.	Senate Workforce Development	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1247	Rep. D. Johnston	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Held, 3/5
HB1257	Rep. Hendrix	Lengthens the maximum length of the Legislature’s organizational session from three to five days and requires reports and information about legislative rules and committee procedures.	Senate State and Local Government	Amended, Do Not Pass, 5-1, 3/14
HB1261	Rep. Schreiber-Beck	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)	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/13
HB1279	Rep. Novak	Extends a state tax break for coal-fueled power plants to July 1, 2036.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing 2:30p, 3/17
HB1294	Rep. Novak	Raises the fine for illegally overtaking or passing a school bus from \$100 to \$250.	Senate Transportation	Do Pass, 6-0, 3/14
HB1300	Rep. Koppelman	Affects how service time in the Legislature is calculated.	Senate Judiciary	Hearing 10a, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1308	Rep. Satrom	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.	Senate Workforce Development	Hearing Held, 3/14
HB1328	Rep. Heinert	Requires a school to exhaust all school discipline policies before referring a child to juvenile court.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/14
HB1329	Rep. O'Brien	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.	Senate Education	Hearing 10:30a, 3/19
HB1338	Rep. M. Ruby	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.”	Senate Human Services	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/13

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1351	Rep. Satrom	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.	Senate Judiciary	Hearing 11a, 3/18
HB1355	Rep. Steiner	Requires agencies to prepare a short summary of proposed administrative rule changes for publication in the newspaper.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1357	Rep. Morton	Requires the state school superintendent to obtain a data sharing agreement with a school district as a condition of state approval.	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/13
HB1363	Rep. Meier	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.	Senate Education	Hearing 10a, 3/17
HB1368	Rep. Koppelman	Allows the Legislature's Administrative Rules Committee to void proposed administrative rules if there is "an absence of necessity" or "an absence of reasonableness."	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing Not Scheduled

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1369	Rep. Heinert	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.	Senate Education	Hearing 9a, 3/17
HB1381	Rep. Brandenburg	Changes the property tax treatment of several types of property within the state education finance formula.	Senate Education	Hearing 9a, 3/18
HB1387	Rep. Heinert	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.	Senate Education	Hearing Held, 3/5
HB1404	Rep. Schreiber-Beck	Replaces the ACT with the NDA+ assessment when determining whether a student qualifies for a North Dakota Scholarship.	Senate Education	Hearing Held, 3/12
HB1408	Rep. Bahl	Requires annual sessions of the Legislature, with sessions scheduled within a period of 70 calendar days each year.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1468	Rep. Bosch	Appropriates \$16 million to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a behavioral health facility in west-central North Dakota.	Senate Human Services	Hearing 10:30a, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1474	Rep. Toman	Requests a legislative interim study of property tax reform methods, including limits on taxable valuation increases and taxing property by the square foot.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Defeated by Senate, 5/42, 3/11
HB1476	Rep. Novak	Requires the Department of Public Instruction to 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.	Senate Education	Hearing 10a, 3/18
HB1482	Rep. Wagner	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.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing Held, 3/10
HB1497	Rep. Maki	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 must turn 4 by August of the year he or she enrolls.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 28-19, 3/14

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1510	Rep. Schreiber-Beck	Requires the Bank of North Dakota and the Teachers' Fund for Retirement 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.	Senate Education	Hearing 9a, 3/19
HB1527	Rep. Maki	Requires schools to include instruction on antisemitism and the Holocaust in the required coursework on world history.	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1530	Rep. Schneider	Requests an interim legislative study about the shortage of special education teachers and the "circumstances and collective needs of special education."	Senate Education	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1540	Rep. Koppelman	Authorizes education savings accounts to pay for student education expenses. Provides a payment for savings accounts equal to 50 percent of the average state per-student aid payment to public schools.	House Appropriations	Hearing 2:30p, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1547	Rep. Richter	Requires an interim legislative study of special education funding. Specifies the membership of the funding study committee.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 3/12
HB1562	Rep. Osowski	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.	Senate Human Services	Hearing Held, 3/5
HB1563	Rep. Davis	Requests an interim legislative study of the taxation of tribal land owned by enrolled tribal members.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Sent to Governor, 3/14
HB1572	Rep. Hagert	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.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing 9a, 3/18

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1575	Rep. Weisz	Creates a Legacy Property Tax Relief Fund and provides property tax buydowns, based on income, for a person's primary residence. Provides reductions in taxable property values for residential, commercial and agricultural property. Provides annual subsidies for renters of up to \$600, depending on income.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Hearing Held, 3/11
HB1580	Rep. Vetter	Requests an interim study of the compensation system for classified state employees, including comparisons to private sector compensation and employee retention and equity bonuses.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing Held, 3/14
HB1588	Rep. Heinert	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.	Senate Judiciary	Hearing Not Scheduled

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1599	Rep. O'Brien	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.	Senate State and Local Government	Do Pass, 6-0, 3/14
HCR3028	Rep. Vetter	Requests a legislative study of service and re-entry programs provided to victims of human trafficking.	Senate Judiciary	Hearing Not Scheduled
HCR3034	Rep. Kasper	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.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Do Not Pass, 14-0, 3/14
HCR3035	Rep. Murphy	Amends the North Dakota Constitution to allow the spending of \$3 billion for school construction from state trust funds, including the Common Schools Trust Fund, over 10 years.	House Appropriations	Hearing Not Scheduled
HCR3036	Rep. Kasper	Lengthens the number of days for conducting legislative sessions over two years from 80 days to 100 days.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Do Not Pass, 10-4, 3/14
SB2003	Appropriations	Budget for the North Dakota University System.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/14

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2019	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2029	Interim Government Finance	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.	House Human Services	Hearing 2:30p, 3/18
SB2036	Interim Juvenile Justice	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.	House Judiciary	Hearing Held, 3/10
SB2037	Interim Juvenile Justice	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.	House Judiciary	Hearing Held, 3/5

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2043	Education Standards and Practices Board	Treats teacher license suspension and revocation proceedings alike when a teacher is convicted of sexual offenses or crimes against a child, regardless of whether the charges are brought in state or federal court.	House Education	Sent to Governor, 3/12
SB2048	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.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Hearing Held, 3/6
SB2049	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.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Hearing Held, 3/6
SB2055	ND Supreme Court	Corrects a reference in state law relating to the release of juvenile records.	House Judiciary	Sent to Governor, 3/14
SB2061	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.	House Transportation	Sent to Governor, 3/14

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2072</u>	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.	<u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u>	Approved by House, 91-0, 3/11
<u>SB2084</u>	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.	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<u>SB2096</u>	<u>Sen. Mathern</u>	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.	<u>House Human Services</u>	Hearing Held, 3/5

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2104	Sen. Beard	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2105	Sen. Beard	Restricts when surveys may be administered to K-12 students in schools and career and technical education centers to obtain information from them.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2113	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.	House Human Services	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2126	Commission on Uniform State Laws	Adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	House Judiciary	Approved by House, 92-0, 3/12

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2134	Sen. Roers	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.	House Political Subdivisions	Hearing 2:30p, 3/20
SB2146	Sen. Roers	Adopts the occupational therapy licensure compact.	House Industry, Business and Labor	Hearing Not Scheduled
SB2147	Sen. Sickler	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/13
SB2149	Sen. Schaible	Provides \$20 million in low-interest school construction loans for projects on North Dakota's U.S. Air Force bases.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/11
SB2158	Sen. Schaible	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.	House Political Subdivisions	Hearing Held, 3/7

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2160	Sen. Davison	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.	House Industry, Business and Labor	Hearing 3:30p, 3/17
SB2169	Sen. Burckhard	Requires a physical therapist to obtain informed consent from a patient or the patient's representative about an overall plan of care.	House Political Subdivisions	Hearing 9a, 3/21
SB2176	Sen. Axtman	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/11
SB2180	Sen. Paulson	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.	House Political Subdivisions	Hearing 3p, 3/20

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2196	Sen. Roers	Authorizes students to use a self-administered epinephrine nasal spray to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction.	House Human Services	Hearing 3:20p, 3/17
SB2198	Sen. Boschee	Affects leave pay for state or local government employees who are members of the National Guard or the armed forces reserve.	House Political Subdivisions	Hearing 10:45a, 3/20
SB2201	Sen Weber	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.	Senate Appropriations	Signed by Governor, 2/18
SB2213	Sen. Schaible	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.	House Education	Hearing 9:30a, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2234</u>	<u>Sen. Davison</u>	Appropriates \$2 million to the Department of Public Instruction for competitive Choice Ready grants to school districts to assist high school students.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/5
<u>SB2239</u>	<u>Sen. Boschee</u>	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.	<u>House Industry, Business and Labor</u>	Hearing 9:30a, 3/18
<u>SB2241</u>	<u>Sen. Axtman</u>	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.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/11
<u>SB2244</u>	<u>Sen. Paulson</u>	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. Requires a parent's written consent before the parent's child receives instruction about gender stereotypes, gender identity, sexual orientation or sexual relationships.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/12

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2251</u>	<u>Sen. Cleary</u>	Affects what the state auditor may charge to perform an audit.	<u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u>	Hearing Held, 3/6
<u>SB2258</u>	<u>Sen. Beard</u>	Requires a state agency to specify a law or rule that is being enforced against an individual if the person requests the information.	<u>Senate State and Local Government</u>	Do Pass, 14-0, 3/14
<u>SB2259</u>	<u>Sen. Lee</u>	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.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Hearing 9:45a, 3/20
<u>SB2262</u>	<u>Sen. Braunberger</u>	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.	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Committee Work, 9a, 3/20
<u>SB2275</u>	<u>Sen. Luick</u>	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.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/10

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SB2305	Sen. Hogan	Establishes a family caregiver services pilot project where the caregiver is paid. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to request a Medicaid waiver to facilitate the program.	House Human Services	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2307	Sen. Boehm	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.	House Judiciary	Hearing 9a, 3/18
SB2308	Sen. Roers	Establishes a task force under the governor’s office to review state boards and commissions. Orders report to Legislative Management by Oct. 1, 2026.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Hearing Held, 3/13
SB2330	Sen. Boehm	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/10

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<u>SB2341</u>	<u>Sen. Axtman</u>	Adopts the interstate compact for school psychologists.	<u>House Industry, Business and Labor</u>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<u>SB2351</u>	<u>Sen. Beard</u>	Requires certified-mail notification for property owners affected by a school district annexation petition. They would need to get at least 14 days' notice.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/12
<u>SB2353</u>	<u>Sen. Davison</u>	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.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/12
<u>SB2354</u>	<u>Sen. Axtman</u>	Requires school districts to adopt policies to govern use of personal cellphones, tablets and laptops at school by Aug. 1, 2026. Students, parents and educators must be consulted in developing the policy, which must be published on the district's website and reviewed annually.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing 9a, 3/26
<u>SB2362</u>	<u>Sen. Schaible</u>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide accreditation options for schools and outlines a process for selecting them.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/11

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<u>SB2367</u>	<u>Sen. Myrdal</u>	Requires the county director of tax equalization to develop “modifiers,” such as trees, rocks, streams, and roads, for adjusting the assessments of agricultural property.	<u>House Finance and Taxation</u>	Approved by House, 92-0, 3/12
<u>SB2400</u>	<u>Sen. Axtman</u>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to oversee an education savings account program. Specifies money amounts that are deposited in student education savings accounts, depending on family incomes. Sets out standards for schools if they are to accept ESA money.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing 9a, 3/18
<u>SCR4019</u>	<u>Sen. Boschee</u>	Requests a legislative study of reading and mathematics proficiency rates among students with disabilities.	<u>House Education</u>	Hearing 11a, 3/17
<u>SCR4028</u>	<u>Sen. Gerhardt</u>	Amends the North Dakota Constitution to limit the service of all statewide officeholders, Says no one may be elected to the North Dakota House or Senate more than three times.	<u>State and Local Government</u>	Do Not Pass, 6-0, 3/14

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