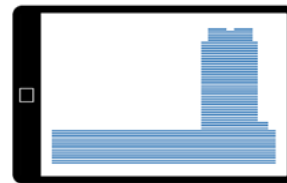




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"How are the children?"



March 21, 2025

In the North Dakota Legislature, the ides of March portend the beginning of conference committees. One of the bills we are tracking in the Tablet (HB1109, which mostly changes some Department of Health and Human Services terminology) already is headed to conference committee, and there will be others.

What is a conference committee? They can be needed when the House and Senate approve different versions of the same bill.

Sometimes, one chamber will agree with the other's changes, and all is well. (The legislative term of art is "concur.")

But if that consensus is lacking, a conference committee is appointed. It has three House members and three senators, whose job it is to compromise while defending their own chamber's version of the bill. Conference committees are most commonly used to handle state agency budget bills, where there can be different spending priorities that must be reconciled.

Once two senators and two House members strike a deal on a version of the bill in question, the bargain is forwarded for votes in the House and Senate. Republican and Democrat agreement is irrelevant in a conference committee; what counts is whether two senators and two representatives are able to settle on a bill's final terms.

What happens then? Both the House and Senate can accept the agreement and approve the final bill. If either the House or Senate object, then the negotiations resume, sometimes with different conference committee members. Those are the most common outcomes.

Conference committees typically meet for a half-hour to an hour, as often as they need to. Some require one or two meetings, while other, more contentious bills may need a dozen or more. The meetings are livestreamed, just as regular committee meetings and House and Senate floor sessions are.

To keep track of conference committees and their scheduling, it is best to consult the Legislature’s indispensable website, where a link to conference committee schedules can be found [here](#).

That’s all for now. We hope this information will help you keep track of the bills of interest to you.

Department of Public Instruction
2025 Legislature Bill Tracker
Friday, March 21, 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 3/24-3/27
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	Committee Work Held, 3/19
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Signed by Governor, 3/17
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	Signed by Governor, 3/17
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	Signed by Governor, 3/19

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Signed by Governor, 3/17
HB1095	Rep. Kiefert	Authorizes a school district to appoint a child protective services liaison and lists training requirements for the liaison.	House Education	Committee Work 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	Sent to Governor, 3/20
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	Conference Committee Appointed, 3/19

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1122	Rep. Nelson	Relates to regulation of state purchasing contracts and cooperative purchasing by multiple state agencies.	Senate State and Local Government	Sent to Governor, 3/20
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 9a, 3/25
HB1132	Rep. Holle	Authorizes public and nonpublic schools to serve whole, 2 percent and flavored milk in bulk dispensers.	Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs	Sent to Governor, 3/20
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	Signed by Governor, 3/14
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	Sent to Governor, 3/20

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1138	Rep. Pyle	Lengthens the minimum amount of time that voters will have to consider issues in a bond election.	Senate State and Local Government	Approved by Senate, 44-2, 3/18
HB1143	Rep. Pyle	Appropriates \$5 million to the state Agriculture Department to establish a grant program for food distribution facilities.	Senate Appropriations	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 10a, 3/24
HB1146	Rep. Lefor	Regulates state government contributions to the defined benefit pension plan for state employees.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing Held, 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 10a, 3/26

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	Sent to Governor, 3/20
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	Approved by Senate, 36-10, 3/18
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 Appropriations	Hearing 2p, 3/24
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	Signed by Governor, 3/14

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 9a, 3/24
HB1188	Rep. Lefor	Regulates fees charged to school districts based on their students' use of programs at area career and technology centers.	Senate Education	Signed by Governor, 3/17
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	Approved by Senate, 46-0, 3/19

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 Held, 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 Held, 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	Signed by Governor, 3/19
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 House, 87-4, 3/18; Final Legislative Approval

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>HB1247</u>	<u>Rep. D. Johnston</u>	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.	<u>Senate Education</u>	Hearing Held, 3/5
<u>HB1257</u>	<u>Rep. Hendrix</u>	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.	<u>Senate State and Local Government</u>	Defeated by Senate, 10-36, 3/18
<u>HB1261</u>	<u>Rep. Schreiber-Beck</u>	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)	<u>Senate Education</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/14
<u>HB1279</u>	<u>Rep. Novak</u>	Extends a state tax break for coal-fueled power plants to July 1, 2036.	<u>Senate Finance and Taxation</u>	Hearing Held, 3/17
<u>HB1294</u>	<u>Rep. Novak</u>	Raises the fine for illegally overtaking or passing a school bus from \$100 to \$250.	<u>Senate Transportation</u>	Approved by Senate, 45-2, 3/17
<u>HB1300</u>	<u>Rep. Koppelman</u>	Affects how service time in the Legislature is calculated.	<u>Senate Judiciary</u>	Referred to Senate Judiciary, 3/19

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 Judiciary	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	Signed by Governor, 3/19
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 Held, 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	Signed by Governor, 3/19

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 Held, 3/18
HB1355	Rep. Steiner	Requires agencies to prepare a short summary of proposed administrative rule changes for publication in the newspaper. A QR code may also be included.	Senate State and Local Government	Hearing 9:15a, 3/27
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	Signed by Governor, 3/14
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 Held, 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 9a, 3/27

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 Held, 3/19
HB1381	Rep. Brandenburg	Changes the property tax treatment of several types of property within the state education finance formula.	Senate Education	Hearing Held, 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 9:30a, 3/28
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 Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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 Held, 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	House concurred in Senate amendments, 79-14, 3/19
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 Held, 3/19

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1527	Rep. Maki	Requires schools to include instruction on antisemitism and the Holocaust in the required coursework on world history.	Senate Education	Hearing 2:30p, 3/24
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 10a, 3/25
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 Held. 3/17
HB1547	Rep. Richter	Requires an interim legislative study of special education funding. Specifies the membership of the funding study committee.	Senate Education	Sent to Governor, 3/20
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1563	Rep. Davis	Requests an interim legislative study of the taxation of tribal land owned by enrolled tribal members.	Senate Finance and Taxation	Signed by Governor, 3/17
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 Held, 3/18
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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
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	Approved by Senate, 45-1, 3/18
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	Defeated by House, 20-72, 3/17

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Do Not Pass, 22-1, 3/21
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	Defeated in House, 43-49, 3/17
SB2003	Appropriations	Budget for the North Dakota University System.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/20
SB2019	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/21
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 Held, 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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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
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	Signed by Governor, 3/14
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	Approved by House, 92-0, 3/17
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	Do Pass, 13-0, 3/21

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2055</u>	ND Supreme Court	Corrects a reference in state law relating to the release of juvenile records.	<u>House Judiciary</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<u>SB2061</u>	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.	<u>House Transportation</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<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>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<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>	Approved by House, 72-21, 3/18

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2096	Sen. Mathern	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.	House Human Services	Hearing Held, 3/5
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	Defeated by House, 40-44, 3/21
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 Appropriations	Hearing Not Scheduled

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2126</u>	Commission on Uniform State Laws	Adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	<u>House Judiciary</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<u>SB2134</u>	<u>Sen. Roers</u>	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.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Approved by House, 75-9, 3/21
<u>SB2146</u>	<u>Sen. Roers</u>	Adopts the occupational therapy licensure compact.	<u>House Industry, Business and Labor</u>	Hearing 9a, 3/24
<u>SB2147</u>	<u>Sen. Sickler</u>	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 and work in a "high demand or emerging occupation."	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Hearing Held, 3/13
<u>SB2149</u>	<u>Sen. Schaible</u>	Provides \$20 million in low-interest school construction loans for projects on North Dakota's U.S. Air Force bases.	<u>House Education</u>	Sent to Governor, 3/21

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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
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 Held, 3/18
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 Held, 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.	House Education	Approved by House, 75-9, 3/21

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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 Held, 3/20
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	Approved by House, 83-0, 3/21
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	Amended, Do Pass, 12-0, 3/21
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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 Held, 3/17
SB2234	Sen. Davison	Appropriates \$1 million to the Department of Public Instruction for competitive Choice Ready grants to school districts to assist high school students.	House Appropriations	Amended, Do Pass, 13-1, 3/19
SB2239	Sen. Boschee	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.	House Industry, Business and Labor	Hearing Held, 3/18
SB2241	Sen. Axtman	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2244	Sen. Paulson	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/12
SB2251	Sen. Cleary	Affects what the state auditor may charge to perform an audit.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Hearing Held, 3/6
SB2258	Sen. Beard	Requires a state agency to specify a law or rule that is being enforced against an individual if the person requests the information.	House Government and Veterans Affairs	Sent to Governor, 3/21
SB2259	Sen. Lee	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.	House Political Subdivisions	Approved by House, 75-9, 3/21

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2262	Sen. Braunberger	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.	House Appropriations	Do Not Pass, 14-8, 3/20
SB2275	Sen. Luick	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.	House Education	Signed by Governor, 3/18
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 Appropriations	Hearing Not Scheduled
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 Appropriations	Referred to Appropriations

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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
SB2341	Sen. Axtman	Adopts the interstate compact for school psychologists.	House Industry, Business and Labor	Hearing 9:30a, 3/24
SB2351	Sen. Beard	Requires certified-mail notification for property owners affected by a school district annexation petition. They would need to get at least 14 days' notice.	House Education	Hearing 10:30a, 3/26
SB2353	Sen. Davison	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.	House Education	Approved by House, 75-9, 3/21

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SB2354	Sen. Axtman	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.	House Education	Hearing 9a, 3/26
SB2362	Sen. Schaible	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide accreditation options for schools and outlines a process for selecting them.	House Education	Approved by House, 91-1, 3/19
SB2367	Sen. Myrdal	Requires the county director of tax equalization to develop "modifiers," such as trees, rocks, streams, and roads, for adjusting the assessments of agricultural property.	House Finance and Taxation	Signed by Governor, 3/18
SB2400	Sen. Axtman	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.	House Education	Hearing Held, 3/18

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SCR4019	Sen. Boschee	Requests a legislative study of reading and mathematics proficiency rates among students with disabilities.	House Education	Approved by House, Voice Vote, 3/21
SCR4028	Sen. Gerhardt	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.	State and Local Government	Defeated by Senate, 19-28, 3/17
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