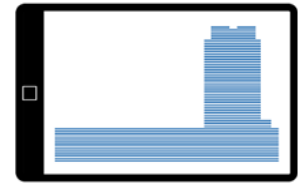




The Capitol Tablet

ND Legislative News

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"How are the children?"



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In previous editions of the Capitol Tablet, the “landing page” of each bill and resolution has been linked on the left-hand side of each Tablet page. The link took you to an overview of information about a bill or resolution, including the text of differing versions, committee and floor votes, testimony, scheduled hearings and committee work sessions, and video of lawmakers discussing the bill.

Since work on many of the bills we have been tracking is completed, the bill or resolution link on the page’s left-hand side has changed. If the Legislature’s work on the bill is done, or if the governor has signed it, the link now goes to the final version of the bill. This is known as the “enrolled” bill, which is the copy that is signed by the governor and filed with the secretary of state’s office. Its language includes any changes made to the bill before the final version was passed. The text of the enrolled bill is what ends up in the North Dakota Century Code.

Most of the enrolled bills will take effect this summer. Budget bills for state agencies take effect July 1, as do bills that change tax rates. Most other bills take effect Aug. 1.

There are exceptions. Sometimes a bill is approved with a specific effective date that is later in the year, or even in the following year.

A bill with an “emergency clause” takes effect [when it is filed with the secretary of state](#). To qualify for an emergency clause, a bill must have two-thirds support from both the House and Senate.

At the end of the session, the Legislative Council, which is the research arm of the North Dakota Legislature, publishes a list of every bill that has been approved and signed by the governor, along with its effective date. The link to that page [will be here](#). Right now, the link takes you to the effective dates of legislation that was approved during the 2023 session.

And so it goes, as Kurt Vonnegut used to say. The train keeps rolling!

Department of Public Instruction
2025 Legislature Bill Tracker
April 11, 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	Committee Work, 4/14-15
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, 4/9
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	Sent to Governor, 4/8
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

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	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 100 hours of supervised clinical experience, a two-year completion certificate for speech and language pathology professionals, 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	Conference Committee
HB1067	Department of Health and Human Services	Relates to medical assistance benefits for children.	Senate Human Services	Signed by Governor, 3/19

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
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Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>HB1095</u>	<u>Rep. Kiefert</u>	Authorizes a school district and human service zone to form a “child safety liaison work group” to focus on child protective services, service coordination, and opportunities to improve relations between school districts and human service zones.	<u>Senate Human Services</u>	Approved by House, 73-18, 4/9; Final Legislative Approval
<u>HB1105</u>	<u>Rep. Jonas</u>	Allows school districts to impose time limits on virtual instruction, restrict access to certain time periods, and establish student eligibility requirements for virtual instruction.	<u>Senate Education</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<u>HB1109</u>	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.	<u>Senate Human Services</u>	Approved by House, 92-0, 4/10; Final Legislative Approval
<u>HB1122</u>	<u>Rep. Nelson</u>	Relates to regulation of state purchasing contracts and cooperative purchasing by multiple state agencies.	<u>Senate State and Local Government</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/21

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 mill levies for building projects or interest payments , and with oil and gas income and other revenue sources that are not taxed on property value, such as revenue from wind farms and telecoms. Under the changes, 126 school districts would see increases in their state aid payments, totaling \$10.5 million over two years.	Senate Appropriations	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	Signed by Governor, 3/21
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	Signed by Governor, 3/21

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	Signed by Governor, 3/26
HB1143	Rep. Pyle	Appropriates \$10 million to the state Agriculture Department to establish a grant program for food distribution facilities.	Senate Appropriations	Amended, Do Pass, 15-1, 4/10
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	Approved by Senate, 40-7, 4/10
HB1146	Rep. Lefor	Regulates state government contributions to the defined benefit pension plan for state employees.	Senate Appropriations	Signed by Governor, 4/10
HB1160	Rep. Jonas	Prohibits student possession and use of personal electronic devices during the school day, with exceptions for school-owned devices and those needed by a student for medical reasons, or to comply with an individual education plan.	Senate Education	Reconsidered and Approved by Senate, 42-4, 4/7

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	Signed by Governor, 3/21
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	Sent to Governor, 4/8
HB1176	Rep. Nathe	Authorizes the Legacy Fund to provide enough earnings to pay for a residential property tax credit of up to \$1,250 annually per homeowner. Provides a minimum \$500 credit and limits the tax credit to 75 percent of what a homeowner owes on a primary residence. Expands eligibility for the homestead property tax credit and a state refund program for renters.	Senate Appropriations	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 4/3
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	Says that “words used to reference an individual’s gender mean the individual’s sex.”	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 41-6, 4/10
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 or her designee, 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 Appropriations	Approved by Senate, 46-1, 4/7
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.	Senate Appropriations	Amended, Do Pass, 15-1, 4/10
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	Defeated by Senate, 7-38, 4/4

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Approved by Senate, 45-1, 4/8
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	Signed by Governor, 3/25
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	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 4/7
HB1279	Rep. Novak	Extends a state tax break for coal-fueled power plants to July 1, 2029.	Senate Appropriations	Hearing Held, 4/4

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1294	Rep. Novak	Raises the fine for illegally overtaking or passing a school bus from \$100 to \$250.	Senate Transportation	Signed by Governor, 3/25
HB1300	Rep. Koppelman	Affects how service time in the Legislature is calculated.	Senate Judiciary	Conference Committee
HB1308	Rep. Satrom	Requires the attorney general to maintain a state human trafficking commission and specifies its membership. Requires the commission to provide annual “prevention and awareness education on human trafficking and exploitation” for students in the sixth and 10 th grades in tribal, public, and nonpublic schools. Provides legal immunity for teachers, attorneys and other “regulated professions” who report suspected cases of human trafficking in good faith.	Senate Judiciary	Conference Committee
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
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1329	Rep. O'Brien	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to establish a database of expenditures by school districts, the state university system, political subdivisions, and state budget units, which must be updated monthly. Appropriates \$500,000 to set up the database.	Senate Appropriations	Committee Work, 4/11
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
HB1351	Rep. Satrom	Gives an individual who is unwillingly depicted in a "sexually expressive" image the right to sue anyone involved in its production or distribution. Authorizes redaction of court documents to maintain the privacy of individuals who sue over such images.	Senate Judiciary	Approved by Senate, 45-0, 4/1
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	Approved by House, 91-0, 4/9

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Approved by Senate, 41-5, 4/9
HB1368	Rep. Koppelman	Allows the Legislature's Administrative Rules Committee to void proposed administrative rules if the rules are determined to be arbitrary or capricious.	Senate State and Local Government	Defeated by Senate, 22-24, 4/8
HB1369	Rep. Heinert	Increases the state per-pupil aid payment for schools by 2 percent for each of the next two budget years. Raises bidding threshold for construction of public improvements to \$250,000. Transfers \$75 million from foundation aid stabilization fund to a school construction loan fund.	Senate Appropriations	Committee Work, 4/14
HB1381	Rep. Brandenburg	Changes the property tax treatment of several types of property within the state education finance formula.	Senate Education	Defeated by Senate, 14-31, 3/31

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Defeated by Senate, 0-46, 4/8
HB1404	Rep. Schreiber-Beck	Replaces the ACT with the NDA+ assessment when determining whether a student qualifies for a North Dakota Scholarship.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 45-1, 4/9
HB1408	Rep. Bahl	Requires annual sessions of the Legislature, with logistics determined by the Legislative Management committee. The law would take effect Jan. 1, 2027. Sessions must be scheduled within a 70-day period and could not take up more than 80 legislative days every two years.	Senate State and Local Government	Amended, Do Pass, 9-7, 4/11
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	Approved by Senate, 42-4, 4/9

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1476	Rep. Novak	Says the Department of Public Instruction may develop and maintain a system for tracking assessments of school buildings. The information gathered could track the original construction year, facility additions, square footage, and recommended maintenance.	Senate Education	Approved by Senate, 28-19, 4/3
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 9:28am, 4/14
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	Signed by Governor, 3/26
HB1510	Rep. Schreiber-Beck	Requires the Teachers' Fund for Retirement to collect "resources related to maximizing earning potential for teachers," which the fund and the superintendent of public instruction would distribute to various education officials. Authorizes a school district to provide child-care facilities on school property.	Senate Education	Defeated by Senate, 22-24, 4/8

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	Defeated by Senate, 22-24, 4/11
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	Signed by Governor, 4/2
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. Appropriates \$40 million for education savings accounts.	Senate Appropriations	Hearing Not Scheduled
HB1547	Rep. Richter	Requires an interim legislative study of special education funding. Specifies the membership of the funding study committee.	Senate Education	Signed by Governor, 3/21
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	Approved by House, 90-1, 4/9

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
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	Amended, Do Pass, 6-0, 4/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
HB1588	Rep. Heinert	Raises the exam fee for a concealed carry permit from \$50 to \$100. Increases the blade length of a knife that is considered a dangerous weapon from 5 inches to 6 inches. Adds the governor and retired state and federal judges to a list of individuals allowed to carry firearms in a public gathering.	Senate Judiciary	Approved by Senate, 43-4, 4/3
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	Signed by Governor, 3/26
HCR3028	Rep. Vetter	Requests a legislative study of service and re-entry programs provided to victims of human trafficking.	Senate Judiciary	Adopted by Senate, Voice Vote, 4/9
SB2003	Appropriations	Budget for the North Dakota University System.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 4/4
SB2019	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education.	House Appropriations	Hearing Held, 3/21

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2029	Interim Government Finance	Establishes a state office of guardianship and conservatorship to develop policies and procedures and ethical standards for guardians and conservators. Establishes a review board to handle disciplinary complaints against guardians and conservators.	House Appropriations	Hearing Not Scheduled
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 Appropriations	Approved by House, 82-10, 4/10
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 Appropriations	Approved by House, 66-26, 4/10
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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2048</u>	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.	<u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/28
<u>SB2049</u>	Information Technology Department	Changes the makeup of the “executive steering committee” for a major information technology project and changes its name to “oversight committee.”	<u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u>	Signed by Governor, 4/2
<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

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2084	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.	House Appropriations	Signed by Governor, 3/25
SB2113	Department of Health and Human Services	Changes the name of state human service centers to "State Operated Behavioral Health Clinics." Extends the life of the "cross-disability advisory council" until Aug. 1, 2027, and changes the council's membership.	House Appropriations	Conference Committee
SB2126	Commission on Uniform State Laws	Adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	House Judiciary	Signed by Governor, 3/18
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	Signed by Governor, 3/27

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2146</u>	<u>Sen. Roers</u>	Adopts the occupational therapy licensure compact.	<u>House Industry, Business and Labor</u>	Signed by Governor, 4/2
<u>SB2147</u>	<u>Sen. Sickler</u>	Provides supplemental college student financial assistance grants. Appropriates \$2 million for the grants. 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>	Conference Committee
<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>	Signed by Governor, 3/24
<u>SB2158</u>	<u>Sen. Schaible</u>	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.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Approved by House, 59-31, 4/4
<u>SB2169</u>	<u>Sen. Burckhard</u>	Requires a physical therapist to obtain informed consent from a patient or the patient’s representative about an overall plan of care.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Signed by Governor, 4/2

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2176</u>	<u>Sen. Axtman</u>	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.	<u>House Education</u>	Signed by Governor, 4/8
<u>SB2180</u>	<u>Sen. Paulson</u>	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.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Conference Committee
<u>SB2196</u>	<u>Sen. Roers</u>	Authorizes students to use a self-administered epinephrine nasal spray to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction.	<u>House Human Services</u>	Signed by Governor, 3/28
<u>SB2198</u>	<u>Sen. Boschee</u>	Affects leave pay for state or local government employees who are members of the National Guard or the armed forces reserve.	<u>House Political Subdivisions</u>	Approved by Senate, 46-0, 4/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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 K-8 mathematics curriculum, instruction, and student achievement.	House Appropriations	Approved by House, 59-33, 4/10
SB2234	Sen. Davison	Asks the Department of Public Instruction to seek “federal funds or other grant opportunities” to provide competitive Choice Ready grants to school districts.	House Appropriations	Approved by House, 86-6, 4/10

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
SB2239	Sen. Boschee	Appropriates \$1.1 million to the Department of Commerce to administer an apprenticeship grant program. Provides up to \$3,000 within three years for apprenticeship grant beneficiaries.	House Industry, Business and Labor	Defeated by House, 14-79, 4/8
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 and establishes per-student payments for them.	House Education	Approved by House, 64-29, 4/8
SB2251	Sen. Cleary	Affects what the state auditor may charge to perform an audit. Regulates public records requests for information that the auditor obtains during an audit.	House Appropriations	Approved by House, 90-0, 4/4
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	Signed by Governor, 3/24
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	Signed by Governor, 3/27

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<u>SB2262</u>	<u>Sen. Braunberger</u>	Authorizes the K-12 Education Coordination Council to agree to a contract to conduct a study.	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Conference Committee
<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>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<u>SB2305</u>	<u>Sen. Hogan</u>	Extends 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. Appropriates \$7.3 million for the program.	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Approved by House, 84-6, 4/4
<u>SB2307</u>	<u>Sen. Boehm</u>	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.	<u>House Appropriations</u>	Do Not Pass, 22-1, 4/11

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
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	Approved by House, 85-7, 3/28
SB2330	Sen. Boehm	Requires school boards to adopt policies on human trafficking and exploitation prevention and awareness education for students and staff. Appropriates \$48,000 to the superintendent of public instruction to implement human trafficking and exploitation awareness and education.	House Education	Conference Committee
SB2351	Sen. Beard	Requires certified-mail notification for property owners affected by a school district annexation petition. They would need to get at least 21 days' notice.	House Education	Approved by Senate, 46-0, 4/9; Final Legislative Approval
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	Signed by Governor, 3/27

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SB2354	Sen. Axtman	Requires school districts to adopt policies to prohibit use of personal cellphones, tablets and laptops during school time except for medical or educational reasons. Requires districts to collect data every year to determine the impact of the policies on “student behavior, mental health, disciplinary incidents, school attendance and academic performance.”	House Education	Approved by House, 61-29, 4/7
SB2362	Sen. Schaible	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide accreditation options for schools and outlines a process for selecting them.	House Education	Signed by Governor, 3/25
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

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<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 Held, 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>	Filed with Secretary of State, 3/26

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