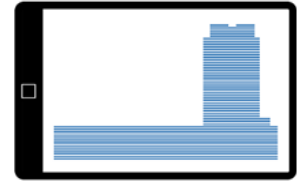




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ND Legislative News

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



### April 18, 2025

When the Legislature's floor sessions get cracking at 8 a.m., and there's talk of holding conference committee meetings on Saturdays, those are reliable signals that the end of the session is near. Listen to Sen. David Hogue, R-Minot, the Senate majority leader, speaking on Good Friday:

"We're going into the final home stretch. The ninth inning. The two-minute warning. Final countdown. The schedule is going to be robust."

Monday is the 66<sup>th</sup> day of the 2025 Legislature. The North Dakota Constitution limits the Legislature to 80 days of meetings every two years. Budget and regulatory moves by the new Trump administration have caused state legislative leaders to focus on "saving" some of those days, in case the state Legislature needs to respond to federal actions.

The Legislature's Legislative Management Committee, which is a 14-member panel of legislators that runs the Legislature's administrative business between sessions, has authority in state law to call lawmakers back to Bismarck, if they have legislative days to spare. Gov. Kelly Armstrong also may call a special session, which would have no time limit.

Hogue and Rep. Mike Lefor, R-Dickinson, the House majority leader, said the House and Senate's floor sessions will resume at 8 a.m. Monday after the Easter holiday weekend.

The Legislature was in session on Good Friday, which is a state holiday, and both Hogue and Lefor said the Legislature's conference committees on bills could be held at almost any time of the day or night in the upcoming week. Both said conference committee work could be scheduled on Saturday, April 26.

There are about 170 bills left to resolve, of which 58 are in conference committee. (A conference committee is a group of three House members and three senators who work out compromises on different versions of bills.)

Many of the remaining bills are difficult. Hogue mentioned legislation on school choice and about boosting the state speed limit to 80 mph on North Dakota's interstate highways, which is packaged with higher fines and driver's license point penalties for speeding.

The atmosphere, Hogue said, will be "unpredictable and intense," adding that "There's a lot of contentious bills headed our way that we have to resolve."

**Department of Public Instruction**  
**2025 Legislature Bill Tracker**  
**April 18, 2025**  
**(Changes from Previous Week in Red)**

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<a href="#">HB1012</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 37-10, 4/17
<a href="#">HB1013</a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Public Instruction, the Center for Distance Education, the State Library, the School for the Deaf/Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1024</a>	Appropriations	Appropriation bill for the Adjutant General and the attorney general to provide funds for the current state budget period. This is known as the "deficiency appropriation" bill.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/10

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1034</a>	<a href="#">Interim Juvenile Justice Committee</a>	Outlines procedure for “re-establishment” of a legal relationship between child and parent and establishes juvenile court as the original forum for these proceedings.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<a href="#">HB1048</a>	Supreme Court	Requires a mediator to prepare a written summary of any agreement and prohibits showing the summary to a judge without it being signed by both parties. Requires mediators to inform a judge whether a mediation agreement was reached.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<a href="#">HB1049</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Conference Committee Agreement, House Vote Pending
<a href="#">HB1067</a>	Department of Health and Human Services	Relates to medical assistance benefits for children.	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/19

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB1081</u></a>	Office of Management and Budget	Eliminates a requirement that state agencies include in their financial statements all of their fixed assets that are worth more than \$5,000. Also abolishes a requirement to prepare an analysis of decisions to lease assets. (Repeals NDCC 54-27-21 and 54-27-21.1)	<a href="#"><u>Senate Finance and Taxation</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17

<a href="#"><u>HB1095</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Kiefert</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Human Services</u></a>	<b>Sent to Governor, 4/15</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB1105</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Jonas</u></a>	Allows school districts to impose time limits on virtual instruction, restrict access to certain time periods, and establish student eligibility requirements for virtual instruction.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#"><u>HB1109</u></a>	Department of Health and Human Services	Changes “treatment or care center” to “provider agency” when referring to entities that provide services to the developmentally disabled. Outlines circumstances under which a provider agency may have its operating license restricted or revoked.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Human Services</u></a>	<b>Conference Committee Report Approved by Senate, 4/16; Final Legislative Approval</b>

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1122</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Nelson</a>	Relates to regulation of state purchasing contracts and cooperative purchasing by multiple state agencies.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#">HB1130</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Gives school districts an option for changing how their state aid payments are calculated. Generally, the changes benefit school districts with 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.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1132</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Holle</a>	Authorizes public and nonpublic schools to serve whole, 2 percent and flavored milk in bulk dispensers.	<a href="#">Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#">HB1133</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Longmuir</a>	Requires county superintendents of schools to preserve records of their official acts and records acquired by the office that have “educational value or interest.”	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/14

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1134</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heilman</a>	Adds a new definition of harassment that covers “doxxing,” i.e. electronic communication and publication of an individual’s personal identifying information on a public internet site or public forum with the intent of harassing the person.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#">HB1138</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Pyle</a>	Lengthens the minimum amount of time that voters will have to consider issues in a bond election.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/26
<a href="#">HB1143</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Pyle</a>	Appropriates \$10 million to the state Agriculture Department to establish a grant program for food distribution facilities.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1144</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Tveit</a>	Requires multi-person shower rooms or restrooms on school grounds to be designated for males or females only. Prohibits multi-stall, gender-neutral restrooms and shower rooms. Bans any policy that requires students to be addressed by their preferred pronouns.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1146</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Lefor</a>	Regulates state government contributions to the defined benefit pension plan for state employees.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/10

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1160</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Approved by House, 82-8, 4/17; Final Legislative Approval
<a href="#">HB1164</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schrieber-Beck</a>	Changes definition of “student with a disability” as it relates to being deaf or hard of hearing.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#">HB1168</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Louser</a>	Provides an annual property tax credit of at least 75 percent of what a homeowner owes on his or her primary residence, with a \$500 minimum credit and a maximum credit of \$1,650. Limits annual property tax increases for most local governments, unless voters approve higher increases.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Hearing Not Scheduled
<a href="#">HB1170</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Motschenbacher</a>	Provides 40 hours of paid leave for newly hired state employees, which may be used in their first year of employment.	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/10
<a href="#">HB1176</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Nathe</a>	Provides 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.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee

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<a href="#">HB1178</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Requires school districts to adopt policies to allow students who are eligible to vote to leave campus during the school day to vote in a general, primary, or special election.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/14
<a href="#">HB1181</a>	<a href="#">Rep. S. Olson</a>	Says that “words used to reference an individual’s gender mean the individual’s sex.”	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Approved by House, 79-11, 4/17; Final Legislative Approval
<a href="#">HB1188</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Lefor</a>	Regulates fees charged to school districts based on their students’ use of programs at area career and technology centers.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<a href="#">HB1199</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Holle</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1214</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">HB1222</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/19



<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1223</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Jonas</a>	Allows schools more flexibility in their policies for suspending or expelling students, with the length of the penalty depending on the severity of the offense, the student's age and disciplinary history.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Sent to Governor, 4/15
<a href="#">HB1238</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Ista</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Workforce Development</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/25
<a href="#">HB1247</a>	<a href="#">Rep. D. Johnston</a>	A school district must develop a safety plan and provide for separation in cases where a student has sexually assaulted another student and they are attending the same school.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Approved by House, 91-0, 4/17; Final Legislative Approval
<a href="#">HB1279</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Extends a state tax break for coal-fueled power plants to July 1, 2029.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Hearing Held, 4/4
<a href="#">HB1294</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	Raises the fine for illegally overtaking or passing a school bus from \$100 to \$250.	<a href="#">Senate Transportation</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/25
<a href="#">HB1300</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Affects how service time in the Legislature is calculated.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Conference Committee

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Committee	Status
<a href="#">HB1308</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Satrom</a>	Requires the attorney general to maintain a state human trafficking commission and specifies its membership. Requires the commission to “facilitate annual prevention and awareness education for students on human trafficking and exploitation.” Provides legal immunity for teachers, attorneys and other “regulated professions” who report suspected cases of human trafficking in good faith.	<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>	Conference Committee Agreement, House Vote Pending
<a href="#">HB1328</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Requires a school to exhaust all school discipline policies before referring a child to juvenile court.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/19
<a href="#">HB1329</a>	<a href="#">Rep. O’Brien</a>	Requests an interim legislative study about establishing a government spending database.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 42-4, 4/15
<a href="#">HB1338</a>	<a href="#">Rep. M. Ruby</a>	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify a military installation’s family advocacy program about allegations of child abuse or neglect that involve a “military-affiliated individual.”	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/19

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB1351</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Satrom</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Judiciary</u></a>	Approved by House, 93-1, 4/14; Final Legislative Approval
<a href="#"><u>HB1355</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Steiner</u></a>	Requires agencies to prepare a short summary of proposed administrative rule changes for publication in the newspaper. A QR code may also be included.	<a href="#"><u>Senate State and Local Government</u></a>	Sent to Governor, 4/15
<a href="#"><u>HB1357</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Morton</u></a>	Requires the state school superintendent to obtain a data sharing agreement with a school district as a condition of state approval.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/14
<a href="#"><u>HB1363</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Meier</u></a>	Requires the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a customizable cardiac emergency response plan for public and nonpublic schools.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Education</u></a>	Conference Committee

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<a href="#">HB1369</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Heinert</a>	Increases the state per-pupil aid payment for schools by <b>3 percent</b> for each of the next two budget years. Raises bidding threshold for construction of public improvements to \$250,000. Transfers <b>\$100 million</b> from foundation aid stabilization fund to a school construction loan fund.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 44-3, 4/16
<a href="#">HB1404</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schreiber-Beck</a>	Replaces the ACT with the NDA+ assessment when determining whether a student qualifies for a North Dakota Scholarship.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Sent to Governor, 4/15
<a href="#">HB1408</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Bahl</a>	<b>Requires annual sessions of the Legislature, with logistics determined by the <a href="#">Legislative Management</a> 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.</b>	<a href="#">Senate State and Local Government</a>	Defeated by Senate, 17-30, 4/14
<a href="#">HB1468</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Bosch</a>	Appropriates \$16 million to the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a behavioral health facility in west-central North Dakota.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Sent to Governor, 4/15

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB1476</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Novak</a>	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.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Approved by House, 90-0, 4/15
<a href="#">HB1482</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Wagner</a>	Says any vote on raising a local government's debt limit must take place in a primary or general election. The special election option is removed.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Approved by Senate, 43-4, 4/16
<a href="#">HB1497</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Maki</a>	Allows children to enroll in an education program for 4-year-olds if he or she meets certain criteria, and the child turns 4 by Dec. 1 of the year he or she enrolls. Under current law, the child must turn 4 by August of the year he or she enrolls.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/26
<a href="#">HB1530</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Schneider</a>	Requests an interim legislative study about the shortage of special education teachers and the "circumstances and collective needs of special education."	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/2

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<a href="#">HB1540</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Koppelman</a>	Authorizes education savings accounts to pay for student education expenses. Provides savings account payments depending on each participant family's income level. <b>Appropriates \$21.7 million for education savings accounts, including \$3.7 million for administration.</b>	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	<b>Approved by Senate, 27-20, 4/17</b>
<a href="#">HB1547</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Richter</a>	Requires an interim legislative study of special education funding. Specifies the membership of the funding study committee.	<a href="#">Senate Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/21
<a href="#">HB1562</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Osowski</a>	Requires public and nonpublic school teachers, administrators, librarians and counselors to complete a mandated reporter training program for suspected child abuse or neglect. Orders the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a training program.	<a href="#">Senate Human Services</a>	<b>Sent to Governor, 4/15</b>
<a href="#">HB1563</a>	<a href="#">Rep. Davis</a>	Requests an interim legislative study of the taxation of tribal land owned by enrolled tribal members.	<a href="#">Senate Finance and Taxation</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB1575</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Weisz</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Finance and Taxation</u></a>	Hearing Held, 3/11
<a href="#"><u>HB1580</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Vetter</u></a>	Requests an interim study of the compensation system for classified state employees, including comparisons to private sector compensation and employee retention and equity bonuses.	<a href="#"><u>Senate State and Local Government</u></a>	Approved by Senate, 47-0, 4/14
<a href="#"><u>HB1588</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Heinert</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Judiciary</u></a>	Approved by House, 87-4, 4/17; Final Legislative Approval

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<a href="#"><u>HB1599</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. O'Brien</u></a>	Removes need for a medical provider to verify the "severe, extreme or life-threatening nature" of a state employee's medical condition for the employee to qualify for a leave-sharing program.	<a href="#"><u>Senate State and Local Government</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/26
<a href="#"><u>HCR3028</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Vetter</u></a>	Requests a legislative study of service and re-entry programs provided to victims of human trafficking.	<a href="#"><u>Senate Judiciary</u></a>	Filed with Secretary of State, 4/15
<a href="#"><u>SB2003</u></a>	Appropriations	Budget for the North Dakota University System.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Approved by House, 62-25, 4/18
<a href="#"><u>SB2019</u></a>	Appropriations	Budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#"><u>SB2029</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Interim Government Finance</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Amended, Do Pass, 22-0, 4/17
<a href="#"><u>SB2036</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Interim Juvenile Justice</u></a>	Creates a definition of "fitness to proceed" that requires a juvenile to be evaluated to determine whether the juvenile can assist in his or her criminal defense. Codifies a juvenile's due process rights.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Sent to Governor, 4/16



<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2037</a>	<a href="#">Interim Juvenile Justice</a>	Changes how certain penalties may be imposed for minors for delinquent conduct, including sex offender registration, possession of tobacco, prohibition from possessing firearms, and suspension of driving privileges.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Approved by Senate, 45-1, 4/15
<a href="#">SB2043</a>	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.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/14
<a href="#">SB2048</a>	Information Technology Department	Provides more flexibility in developing information technology plans. Eliminates requirements to report specific dates for plan changes. Requires the state information technology plan be developed with emphasis on agency strategic goals, business objectives, and alignment with statewide information technology initiatives.	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/28
<a href="#">SB2049</a>	Information Technology Department	Changes the makeup of the “executive steering committee” for a major information technology project and changes its name to “oversight committee.”	<a href="#">House Government and Veterans Affairs</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/2

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#"><u>SB2055</u></a>	ND Supreme Court	Corrects a reference in state law relating to the release of juvenile records.	<a href="#"><u>House Judiciary</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<a href="#"><u>SB2061</u></a>	Department of Transportation	Expands the number of railroad crossings that may be posted as “exempt,” which means school buses are not required to stop at them.	<a href="#"><u>House Transportation</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/17
<a href="#"><u>SB2072</u></a>	Office of Management and Budget	Raises the money threshold for allowing agencies to buy “routine or standardized products” from \$1,000 to \$20,000, if there is no reasonable risk that doing so will impose “an improper contractual obligation” on the agency.	<a href="#"><u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<a href="#"><u>SB2084</u></a>	Office of Management and Budget	Says in-state lodging rates for North Dakota employees must be the same as the federal General Services Administration’s rates for the city, plus any applicable taxes. The state Office of Management and Budget is given authority to set lodging rates when the federal rate is not available. Sets mileage reimbursement rates to equal the federal GSA rates. Raises lodging rates for legislators during sessions.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/25

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2113</a>	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.	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#">SB2126</a>	Commission on Uniform State Laws	Adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	<a href="#">House Judiciary</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<a href="#">SB2134</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Allows the state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction to name designees from their respective agencies to the board of directors of the Teachers’ Fund for Retirement.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/27
<a href="#">SB2146</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Adopts the occupational therapy licensure compact.	<a href="#">House Industry, Business and Labor</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/2
<a href="#">SB2147</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Sickler</a>	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.”	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>	Conference Committee

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB2149</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Provides \$20 million in low-interest school construction loans for projects on North Dakota's U.S. Air Force bases.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/24
<a href="#">SB2158</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Schaible</a>	Says up to \$500,000 of the leftover cash balance of a dissolved school district may be given to another political subdivision within the district before it is distributed as a tax credit to the district's property taxpayers.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/15
<a href="#">SB2169</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Burckhard</a>	Requires a physical therapist to obtain informed consent from a patient or the patient's representative about an overall plan of care.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/2
<a href="#">SB2176</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Axtman</a>	Restructures membership of the state Children's Cabinet and directs the governor's office to provide staff support. Provides authority for working groups to develop policies affecting children and families. Orders annual reports to the Legislature.	<a href="#">House Education</a>	Signed by Governor, 4/8

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<a href="#">SB2180</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Paulson</a>	Requires meetings of the governing bodies of a city, county, school district, township, park district or water resource district to set aside time at meetings for public comment. Says political subdivisions may establish public comment rules for regular meetings.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Conference Committee Agreement, 4/17; Senate Vote Pending
<a href="#">SB2196</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Roers</a>	Authorizes students to use a self-administered epinephrine nasal spray to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction.	<a href="#">House Human Services</a>	Signed by Governor, 3/28
<a href="#">SB2198</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Boschee</a>	Affects leave pay for state or local government employees who are members of the National Guard or the armed forces reserve.	<a href="#">House Political Subdivisions</a>	Sent to Governor, 4/16
<a href="#">SB2201</a>	<a href="#">Sen Weber</a>	Provides a \$500 property tax credit for a primary residence for 2025 and retroactively for the 2024 tax year. Broadens the definition of primary residence and who may qualify for the credit. Extends the credit to primary residences that are owned in trust.	<a href="#">Senate Appropriations</a>	Signed by Governor, 2/18

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<a href="#"><u>SB2213</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Schaible</u></a>	Institutes new education and professional development requirements for mathematics teachers. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules governing mathematics curriculum and teacher professional development in math. Appropriates \$1.2 million to the Department of Public Instruction to support K-8 mathematics curriculum, instruction, and student achievement.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#"><u>SB2234</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Davison</u></a>	Asks the Department of Public Instruction to seek “federal funds or other grant opportunities” to provide competitive Choice Ready grants to school districts.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Defeated by Senate, 0-47, 4/16
<a href="#"><u>SB2241</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Axtman</u></a>	Allows for public charter schools, which would be approved by the state superintendent of public instruction. Exempts public charter schools from some state education laws and rules and establishes per-student payments for them.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Approved by Senate, 39-7, 4/15; Final Legislative Approval
<a href="#"><u>SB2251</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Cleary</u></a>	Affects what the state auditor may charge to perform an audit. Regulates public records requests for information that the auditor obtains during an audit.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Approved by Senate, 46-0, 4/15; Final Legislative Approval

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<a href="#"><u>SB2258</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Beard</u></a>	Requires a state agency to specify a law or rule that is being enforced against an individual if the person requests the information.	<a href="#"><u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/24
<a href="#"><u>SB2259</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Lee</u></a>	Abolishes a requirement that county, city, township, or school district officers provide forms needed to make proper records and transact official business connected with their respective offices.	<a href="#"><u>House Political Subdivisions</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/27
<a href="#"><u>SB2262</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Braunberger</u></a>	Authorizes the K-12 Education Coordination Council to agree to a contract to conduct a study.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Conference Committee Report Approved by Senate, 41-6, 4/16
<a href="#"><u>SB2275</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Luick</u></a>	Appropriates \$49,500 to the Department of Public Instruction to pay grants to schools that teach foreign languages to students in grades K-3. Grants may not exceed \$2,500 per teacher and may be used for stipends, program costs or materials.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/18
<a href="#"><u>SB2305</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Hogan</u></a>	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.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 4/15

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<a href="#"><u>SB2307</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Boehm</u></a>	Requires public libraries and school districts to develop policies to relocate any “explicit sexual material” to an area in the library that is not accessible to minors.	<a href="#"><u>House Appropriations</u></a>	Approved by House, 49-45, 4/14
<a href="#"><u>SB2308</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Roers</u></a>	Establishes a task force under the governor’s office to review state boards and commissions. Orders report to Legislative Management by Oct. 1, 2026.	<a href="#"><u>House Government and Veterans Affairs</u></a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#"><u>SB2330</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Boehm</u></a>	Requires school boards to adopt policies on human trafficking and exploitation prevention and awareness education for students and staff. Requires schoolwide education on human trafficking and exploitation prevention for 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> -grade students.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Conference Committee Agreement, 4/17; Senate Vote Pending
<a href="#"><u>SB2351</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Beard</u></a>	Requires certified-mail notification for property owners affected by a school district annexation petition. They would need to get at least 21 days’ notice.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 4/16



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<a href="#"><u>SB2353</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Davison</u></a>	Authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to contract with regional education associations for services. Allows REAs to provide services to school districts that are not members of the association.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/27
<a href="#"><u>SB2354</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Axtman</u></a>	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.”	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Conference Committee
<a href="#"><u>SB2362</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Schaible</u></a>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide accreditation options for schools and outlines a process for selecting them.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/25
<a href="#"><u>SB2367</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Myrdal</u></a>	Requires the county director of tax equalization to develop “modifiers,” such as trees, rocks, streams, and roads, for adjusting the assessments of agricultural property.	<a href="#"><u>House Finance and Taxation</u></a>	Signed by Governor, 3/18

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<a href="#"><u>SB2400</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Axtman</u></a>	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to oversee an education savings account program. Specifies money amounts that are deposited in student education savings accounts, depending on family incomes. Sets out standards for schools if they are to accept ESA money.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Hearing Held, 3/18
<a href="#"><u>SCR4019</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sen. Boschee</u></a>	Requests a legislative study of reading and mathematics proficiency rates among students with disabilities.	<a href="#"><u>House Education</u></a>	Filed with Secretary of State, 3/26

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