

SECTION 58. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FUNDING OF EDUCATION - ACCOUNTABILITY - COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT.

1. The legislative management shall appoint a committee to examine and clarify state-level and local-level responsibility for the equitable and adequate funding of elementary and secondary education in this state.
2. The committee shall:
 - a. Define what constitutes "education" for purposes of meeting the state's constitutional requirements;
 - b. Examine the distribution of financial and managerial responsibility for transportation, athletics and activities, course offerings beyond those that are statutorily required, and other nonmandatory offerings and services;
 - c. Examine the distribution of financial and managerial responsibility for school construction;
 - d. Examine the organizational structure for educational delivery in this state, in light of demographic changes, to ensure effectiveness and efficiency;
 - e. Examine the benefits and detriments of statutorily limiting school districts in their ability to generate and expend property tax dollars; and
 - f. Define what constitutes "adequacy" for purposes of funding education.
3. The committee shall:
 - a. Examine concepts of accountability in elementary and secondary education;
 - b. Examine the performance of North Dakota students in state and national assessments to determine whether recent legislative efforts have effected measurable improvements in student achievement; and
 - c. Examine high school curricular requirements, content standards, and teacher training and qualifications to determine whether North Dakota students are being adequately prepared for the various assessments and for their first year of enrollment in institutions of higher education.
4. The committee shall examine the effectiveness of teacher, principal, and superintendent evaluation systems.
5. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.