

## STUDY DIRECTIVES CONSIDERED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE 2003-04 INTERIM

The following table identifies the bills and resolutions prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2003-04 interim under authority of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-03.

<b>Bill or Resolution No.</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
1003 § 24	Continue the study of higher education, which may include use of the Higher Education Roundtable format to further refine the expectations of the North Dakota University System in meeting the state's needs (Higher Education Committee)
1004 § 14	Study the nursing home survey process, including a review of federal, state, and local agency procedures and requirements that result in additional costs, duplicated procedures, and added regulations for nursing homes, and the potential for mitigating the impact of new mandated federal rules through collaboration between the State Department of Health and the Department of Human Services and the submission of waiver requests (Budget Committee on Health Care)
1017 § 5	Study the impact of pending federal legislation that would significantly change the respective federal-state responsibilities and funding for workforce development, workforce training, public labor exchange, and unemployment insurance programs (Commerce Committee)
1155 § 1	Study the criteria by which a student's school district of residence is established and whether that criteria correctly assigns both benefits and responsibilities to the appropriate school districts (Education Committee)
1186 § 1	Study the leasing or renting of county court facilities by the state or other political subdivision (Judicial Process Committee)
1212 § 2	Study the effects and operation of requiring agency consideration of the effect of proposed administrative rules on small businesses, organizations, and political subdivisions (Administrative Rules Committee)
1386 § 1	Study North Dakota Century Code provisions requiring public officers and other individuals and entities to provide bonds, whether the state bonding fund is an appropriate entity to provide those bonds, whether private entities within the state provide bonds for public officials and other individuals and entities required to be bonded, and whether the bonds required by statute are appropriate and necessary (Public Services Committee)
1430 § 11	Study the value of medical assistance program use of benefit purchasing pools, preferred drug lists, and other pharmacy benefit management concepts, including the fiscal impact of the appeals and grievance process on existing programs (Budget Committee on Health Care)
1497 § 1	Study state government performance and accountability practices, including a review of other state's performance budgeting practices and strategic planning efforts and how those practices and efforts may apply to this state and improve this state's budgeting process (Government Performance and Accountability Committee)
1504 § 1	Study the state's business climate, including creation of an index of key objective measurements that address the state's competitiveness with other states; consideration of methods of creating business partnerships with North Dakota Indian tribes in order to increase primary sector business growth in the state; and active participation in the activities of the primary sector business congress (Economic Development Committee)
1505 § 13	Contract with consultants to conduct an information technology organizational study and an information technology management study (Information Technology Committee)

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1506 § 6	Study the long-term needs of all state inmates and whether the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation should continue to contract to house state female inmates with county jails or the state should expand the prison system, including a review of the east cell block of the State Penitentiary and future needs for maximum security prisoners; the female population and related treatment, programming, and training needs; and the mental health services of the State Hospital, including whether the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation should continue to expand its facilities on the State Hospital grounds and whether patients at the State Hospital with mental health needs should be served in other locations (Budget Committee on Government Services)
2008 § 4	Study the feasibility and desirability of transferring inspection and standards functions conducted by various state agencies to the Public Service Commission - Limited by Legislative Council directive to agriculturally related functions (Public Services Committee)
2012 § 14	Study administrative costs of human service programs, including costs incurred by the central office of the Department of Human Services, human service centers, and county social services, and review the effects of the 1997 "swap" legislation on state and county human service program costs (Budget Committee on Human Services)
2012 § 16	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing an advisory council for the medical assistance program of the Department of Human Services - Expanded by the Legislative Council chairman to include a review of Medicaid payments, access to services, and utilization (Budget Committee on Health Care)
2015 § 41	Study public employee health insurance benefits, including options for providing health insurance for state employees, availability of other health insurance plans, single versus family coverage, employee contributions, and unitization of premium rates for budgeting purposes (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
2252 § 5	Study consumer protection in regard to contractor competency and out-of-state contractors licensed in the state (Commerce Committee)
2262 § 1	Study the motor vehicle no-fault, underinsured motorist, and uninsured motorist insurance systems (Transportation Committee)
2310 § 1	Study issues related to wind energy development in this state - Revised by Legislative Council directive (Natural Resources Committee)
2358 § 5	Study the sale and lease of railroad rights of way (Transportation Committee)
2379 § 1	Study the doctrine of assumption of risk and the impact the reenactment of the doctrine would have on other state laws (Judicial Process Committee)
2418 § 1	Investigate the adoption of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the direct and indirect impact of the Act on the school districts of this state, and the financial impact of the Act on the budget of this state and on the taxpayers of this state (No Child Left Behind Committee)
2421 § 32	Study the manner in which elementary and secondary education is funded in this state and the feasibility and desirability of instituting alternative funding methods (Education Committee)
3004	Study the state's method of providing legal representation for indigent persons and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system (Criminal Justice Committee)
3011	Study the North Dakota open records statutes and the appropriateness of the penalties for an unauthorized disclosure of certain records (Judicial Process Committee)
3037	Study the needs of individuals with mental illness, drug and alcohol addictions, and physical or developmental disabilities, including individuals with multiple needs, and how the state responds to those needs; the long-term plans for the State Hospital, the Developmental Center at Westwood Park, state and county correctional facilities, and other state facilities and the relationships among those facilities; the impact and availability of community services; the state's criminal

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	justice process from arrest to release; alternatives to incarceration; and the effectiveness of incarceration and treatment (Budget Committee on Government Services)
3051	Study economic development efforts associated with and including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology development zone and methods through which programs receiving funding from the United States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone, enterprise community, and champion community programs can be enhanced (Economic Development Committee)
3052	Study school district data collection and reporting requirements (Education Committee)
3053	Study the state's emergency management system, the impact of federal emergency reorganization on the state's emergency operations plan, and the emergency management preparedness of state agencies and local governments (Emergency Services Committee)
3054	Study the state's public health unit infrastructure and the ability of the public health units to respond to public health issues, including disease and other physical health, environmental, and disaster-related issues (Emergency Services Committee)
3060	Study the state's unemployment compensation system, including reserve guidelines for the unemployment trust fund, the system for ratesetting, treatment of positive balance and negative balance employers, and the feasibility and desirability of creating an unemployment compensation board (Commerce Committee)
3061	Study the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to tax electric utility providers with a fair and uniform tax system (Electric Industry Competition Committee)
3062	Study vulnerable adult abuse and neglect with an emphasis on whether certain individuals should be required to report suspected incidents of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect (Criminal Justice Committee)
3072	Study possible methods of growing North Dakota's population, including approaches to decreasing outmigration and increasing in-migration, and review how other states are dealing with related population issues (Economic Development Committee)
3075	Study and identify federal and state policies that discourage or prevent final bond release applications from being filed, Public Service Commission regulatory policies that could be implemented to encourage flexibility in proving reclamation success and reducing regulatory burdens necessary for bond release applications, and actions being undertaken by the mining companies to achieve final bond release (Natural Resources Committee)
4001	Study the delivery of services and the cost versus benefit of those services provided by the eight human service centers, the possibility of combining service centers, the administrative costs of the centers related to the programs and clients served, and third-party reimbursement and competition with private providers (Budget Committee on Human Services)
4008	Study the need for guardianship services, standards and practices for guardians, and funding for programs for individuals with mental illness, vulnerable elderly individuals, and individuals with traumatic brain injuries (Criminal Justice Committee)
4011	Study alternative methods for recording and discharging a lien on a motor vehicle (Transportation Committee)
4016	Study those provisions of North Dakota Century Code Title 4 which relate to the powers and duties of the State Seed Commissioner and the State Seed Department (Public Services Committee)
4022	Study proposed legislation permitting the Game and Fish Department to coordinate with game and fish programs conducted by tribal governments (Natural Resources Committee)
4030	Study the requirements for the registration and licensing of snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle

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	dealers - Expanded by the Legislative Council chairman to include the requirements for licensing motorcycle and low-speed vehicle dealers (Transportation Committee)
<b>NDCC Citation</b>	<b>Subject Matter (Committee)</b>
4-02.1-18	Receive annual audit report from State Fair Association (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
4-05.1-19(8)	Receive report from the Agricultural Research Board on its annual evaluation of research activities and expenditures (Commerce Committee)
4-05.1-19(10)	Receive status report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (Budget Section)
4-14.1-07	Receive statement from an ethanol production plant receiving ethanol production incentives indicating whether the plant produced a profit from its operation in the preceding fiscal year, after deducting ethanol production incentive payments received (Budget Section)
4-19-01.2	Approve use of moneys deposited in State Forester reserve account (Budget Section)
4-24-10	Determine when agricultural commodity promotion groups must report to the standing Agriculture Committees (Legislative Management Committee)
10-19.1-152	Receive annual audit report from corporation receiving ethyl alcohol or methanol production subsidy (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
10-32-156	Receive annual audit report from any limited liability company that produces agricultural ethanol alcohol or methanol in this state and which receives a production subsidy from the state (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
15-03-04	Approve any purchase of commercial or residential property by the Board of University and School Lands as sole owner (Budget Section)
15-10-12.1	Authorize the State Board of Higher Education to authorize construction of any building, or campus improvements and building maintenance of more than \$385,000, if financed by donations (Budget Section)
15-10-12.3	Receive biennial report from each institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education undertaking a capital construction project that was approved by the Legislative Assembly and for which local funds are to be used which details the source of all funds used in the project (Budget Section)
15-10-41	Receive presentation from the State Board of Higher Education on definitions and eligibility criteria regarding its centers of excellence program relating to economic development (Economic Development Committee)
15-39.1-10.11	Receive annual report from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement regarding annual test of actuarial adequacy of statutory contribution rate (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
15.1-02-13	Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of annual school district employee compensation reports (Education Committee)
15.1-02-14	Receive annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding any transfer to the state tuition fund by the Superintendent of federal or other moneys received by the Superintendent to pay programmatic administrative expenses for which the Superintendent received a state general fund appropriation (Budget Section)
15.1-06-08	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a request from a school or school district for a waiver of any rule governing the accreditation of schools (Education Committee)
15.1-06-08.1	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a request from a school or school district for a waiver of NDCC Section 15.1-21-03 (Education Committee)

**NDCC Citation**

15.1-21-10

**Subject Matter (Committee)**

Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of test scores of a test aligned to the state content standards in reading and mathematics, given annually to students in three grades statewide (Education Committee)

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18-11-15	Receive notice from a firefighters relief association concerning service benefits paid under a special schedule (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
19-03.1-44	Receive report from the Attorney General before July 2 of every even-numbered year on the current status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts in this state (Criminal Justice Committee)
20.1-02-05.1	Approve comprehensive statewide land acquisition plan established by the director of the Game and Fish Department and every land acquisition of more than 10 acres or exceeding \$10,000 by the Game and Fish Department (Budget Section)
20.1-02-16.1	Authorize the Game and Fish Department to spend moneys in the game and fish fund if the balance would be reduced below \$10 million (Budget Section)
23-38-02	Receive report from the State Health Officer not later than September 30, 2004, regarding implementation of the community health grant program (Budget Committee on Health Care)
25-04-02.2	Authorize Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton, to provide services under contract with a governmental or nongovernmental person (Budget Section)
25-04-17	Receive report on writeoff of patients' accounts at Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
25-18-12	Receive reports during the 2003-04 interim from the Department of Human Services regarding the department's progress in developing a fee-for-service payment system for treatment or care centers (Budget Committee on Human Services)
26.1-50-05	Receive annual audited financial statement and report from North Dakota low-risk incentive fund (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
28-32-07	Approve extension of time for administrative agencies to adopt rules (Administrative Rules Committee)
28-32-10	Establish standard procedures for administrative agency compliance with notice requirements of proposed rulemaking (Administrative Rules Committee)
28-32-10	Establish procedure to distribute copies of administrative agency filings of notice of proposed rulemaking (Administrative Rules Committee)
28-32-18	Determine whether an administrative rule is void (Administrative Rules Committee)
28-32-42	Receive notice of appeal of an administrative agency's rulemaking action (Administrative Rules Committee)
36-22-09	Receive the audit report of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
40-23-22.1	Approve waiver of exemption of state property in a city from special assessments levied for flood control purposes (Budget Section)
40-63-03	Receive annual reports from the Division of Community Services on renaissance zone progress (Economic Development Committee)
40-63-07	Receive annual report from the Division of Community Services on conclusions of annual audits of renaissance fund organizations (Budget Section)
43-12.1-08.2	Receive annual report from the Board of Nursing on its study, if conducted, of the nursing educational requirements in this state and the nursing shortage in this state and the implications for rural communities (Budget Committee on Health Care)
45-10.1-71	Receive annual audit report from limited partnership receiving ethyl alcohol or methanol production subsidy (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
46-02-05	Determine contents of contracts for printing of legislative bills, resolutions, journals, and Session Laws (Legislative Management Committee)

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47-30.1-24.1	Receive report from the commissioner of University and School Lands identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency (Budget Section)
47-30.1-24.1	Approve state agency relinquishment of unclaimed property belonging to that agency (Budget Section)
48-02-20	Approve the change or expansion of, or any additional expenditure for, a state building construction project approved by the Legislative Assembly (Budget Section)
49-21-31	Receive annually a report from the Public Service Commission regarding payments received under the performance assurance plan and expenditures from the performance assurance fund (Budget Section)
50-06-05.1	Approve termination of federal food stamp or energy assistance program (Budget Section)
50-06.3-08	Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services on writeoff of recipients' or patients' accounts (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
50-29-02	Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services describing enrollment statistics and costs associated with the children's health insurance program state plan (Budget Committee on Health Care)
52-02-17	Receive report from Job Service North Dakota before March 1 of each year on the actual job insurance trust fund balance and the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier, as of December 31 of the previous year, and a projected trust fund balance for the next three years (Budget Section)
52-02-18	Receive report of biennial performance audit of the divisions of Job Service North Dakota (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-03-26	Determine the fee payable by legislators for use of personal computers (Legislative Management Committee)
54-03-28	Contract with a private entity, after receiving recommendations from the Insurance Commissioner, to provide a cost-benefit analysis of every legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services, or an amendment that mandates such coverage or payment (Budget Committee on Health Care)
54-06-26	Establish guidelines defining reasonable and appropriate use of state telephones by legislative branch personnel (Legislative Management Committee)
54-06-31	Receive periodic reports from the Central Personnel Division on the implementation, progress, and bonuses provided by state agency programs to provide bonuses to recruit or retain employees in hard-to-fill positions (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
54-10-01	Approve the State Auditor's hiring of a consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-01	Determine frequency of audits of state agencies (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-01	Determine necessary performance audits by State Auditor (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-13	Determine when State Auditor is to perform audits of political subdivisions (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-15	Order the State Auditor to audit or review the accounts of any political subdivision (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-28	Determine information technology compliance reviews to be conducted by the State Auditor and receive the results of those reviews (Information Technology Committee)
54-14-03.1	Receive reports on fiscal irregularities (Budget Section)

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54-16-04	Approve transfers of money or spending authority which would eliminate or make impossible accomplishment of a program or objective funded by the Legislative Assembly (Budget Section)
54-16-04	Approve transfers exceeding \$50,000 from one fund or line item to another unless necessary to comply with court order or to avoid imminent threat to safety or imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-16-04.1	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of state officer's acceptance of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-16-04.1	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of state officer's expenditure of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-16-04.2	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of state officer's acceptance of funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-16-04.2	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of state officer's expenditure of funds in excess of \$50,000 if acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-16-09	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of transfer of spending authority from the state contingencies appropriation in excess of \$50,000 if the transfer is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (Budget Section)
54-23.3-08	Receive report from the director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on any new program that serves adult or juvenile offenders, including alternatives to conventional incarceration and programs operated on a contract basis, if the program is anticipated to cost in excess of \$100,000 during a biennium (Budget Section)
54-27-22	Approve use of capital improvements planning revolving fund (Budget Section)
54-27-23	Approve use of cash flow financing (Budget Section)
54-27.2-03	Receive report on transfers of funds from the budget stabilization fund to the state general fund to offset projected decrease in general fund revenues (Budget Section)
54-35-02	Review uniform laws recommended by Commission on Uniform State Laws (Judicial Process Committee)
54-35-02	Establish guidelines for use of legislative chambers and displays in Memorial Hall (Legislative Management Committee)
54-35-02	Determine access to legislative information services and impose fees for providing legislative information services and copies of legislative documents (Legislative Management Committee)
54-35-02.2	Study and review audit reports submitted by the State Auditor (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-35-02.4	Review legislative measures and proposals affecting public employees retirement programs and health and retiree health plans (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
54-35-02.6	Study and review administrative rules and related statutes (Administrative Rules Committee)
54-35-02.7	Overview of the Garrison Diversion Project and related matters and any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water-related topics (Natural Resources Committee)

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54-35-02.8	As the Legislative Ethics Committee--Consider or prepare a legislative code of ethics (Legislative Management Committee)
54-35-11	Make arrangements for 2005 session (Legislative Management Committee)
54-35-15.2	Review the activities of the Information Technology Department, statewide information technology standards, the statewide information technology plan, and major information technology projects; review cost-benefit analyses of major projects; conduct studies; and make recommendations regarding established or proposed information technology programs and information technology acquisition (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-15.4	Determine information technology compliance reviews to be conducted by the State Auditor and receive the results of those reviews (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-18	Study the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state (Electric Industry Competition Committee)
54-35-18.2	Study the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within this state (Electric Industry Competition Committee)
54-35.2-02	Study local government structure, fiscal and other powers and functions of local governments, relationships between and among local governments and the state or any other government, allocation of state and local resources, and interstate issues involving local governments (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)
54-40-01	Approve any agreement between a North Dakota state entity and South Dakota to form a bistate authority (Budget Committee on Government Services)
54-44-04	Receive report from the director of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of tobacco settlement funds and related information (Budget Section)
54-44-16	Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding any purchase of oil put options by the State Investment Board to offset reduced state general fund oil and gas tax revenues due to oil and gas prices falling below selected levels (Budget Section)
54-44.1-07	Prescribe form of budget information prepared by the director of the budget (Budget Section)
54-44.1-12.1	Object to any allotment by the director of the budget, any expenditure of a budget unit, or any failure to make an allotment or expenditure if the action or failure to act is contrary to legislative intent (Budget Section)
54-44.1-13.1	Approve reduction of budgets due to initiative or referendum action (Budget Section)
54-52.1-08.2	Approve terminology adopted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board to comply with federal requirements (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
54-56-03	Approve grants, not otherwise specifically approved by the Legislative Assembly, distributed by the Children's Services Coordinating Committee to children's services organizations and programs (Budget Section)
54-59-02.1	Receive from the Chief Information Officer recommendations of the department's advisory committee regarding major software projects for consideration and the drafting of appropriate legislation to implement the recommendations (Information Technology Committee)
54-59-05(4)	Approve execution by the Information Technology Department of proposed agreement to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services in excess of \$1 million (Budget Section)
54-59-12	Receive report from the Chief Information Officer of the state regarding the coordination of services with political subdivisions, and from the Chief Information Officer and the commissioner of the State Board of Higher Education regarding coordination of information technology between the Information Technology Department and higher education (Information Technology Committee)

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54-59-13	Receive report from the Information Technology Department regarding any executive branch state agency or institution that does not agree to conform to its information technology plan or comply with statewide policies and standards (Information Technology Committee)
54-59-19	Receive summary of annual report from the Information Technology Department (Budget Section)
54-59-19	Receive annual report from the Information Technology Department (Information Technology Committee)
54-59-19	Receive summary of annual report from the Information Technology Department (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-60-03	Determine the standing committees that will receive the report from the Commissioner of Commerce on the department's goals and objectives, its long-term goals and objectives, and on commerce benchmarks (Legislative Management Committee)
54-60-10	Approve expenditures exceeding \$130,000 a biennium by the Department of Commerce from its operating fund for web site maintenance (Budget Section)
54-60-10	Receive report annually from the Department of Commerce regarding money spent to administer an Internet web site that provides career guidance and job opportunity services (Budget Section)
57-40.6-11	Receive annual report from State Radio on the operation of and any recommended changes in the emergency 911 telephone system standards and guidelines (Emergency Services Committee)
57-40.6-12	Receive report from the Public Safety Answering Points Coordinating Committee by November 1 of each even-numbered year on city and county fees on telephone exchange access service and wireless service (Emergency Services Committee)
65-02-03.3	Receive annual report from director of the Workers Compensation Bureau and the chairman of the Workers Compensation Board of Directors (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
65-02-05.1	Receive biennial report from the Workers Compensation Bureau on all revenues deposited into and expenditures from the building maintenance account of the workers' compensation fund (Budget Section)
65-02-30	Receive report from director of the Workers Compensation Bureau, chairman of the Workers Compensation Board of Directors, and the auditor regarding the biennial performance audit of the Workers Compensation Bureau (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
65-04-03.1	Receive periodic reports from the Workers Compensation Bureau and the Risk Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget on the success of a single workers' compensation account for state entities covered by NDCC Chapter 32-12.2 (Budget Section)
65-08.1-02	Authorize establishment of casualty insurance organization to provide extraterritorial workers' compensation insurance (Budget Section)

**2001 Session  
Laws Citation**  
Chapter 330 § 5

**Subject Matter (Committee)**  
Receive notice from the Public Employees Retirement System Board of the date the board receives a letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that the section allowing a member to purchase service credit with pretax or aftertax moneys does not jeopardize the qualified status of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)

Chapter 494 § 11 Receive notice from the Public Employees Retirement System Board of the date the board receives a letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that the section allowing a member to purchase service credit with pretax or aftertax moneys does not jeopardize the qualified status of the Public Employees Retirement System (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)

**2003 Session  
Laws Citation**

**Subject Matter (Committee)**

Chapter 3 § 11 Approve obtaining and using funds from any source by the Forest Service to assist in the construction of equipment and supply storage buildings in Towner and Bottineau (Budget Section)

Chapter 3 § 31 Receive a report from the State Board of Higher Education at the first meeting of the Budget Section after July 1, 2004, regarding the internship program implemented to attract students to high-growth occupations in the state and implement a student internship program (Budget Section)

Chapter 4 § 13 Receive report from the State Department of Health on the status of outsourcing employee positions whenever reasonable (Budget Section)

Chapter 7 § 3 Receive from the State Auditor the results of the performance audit of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs by July 1, 2004 (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)

Chapter 7 § 4 Receive periodic reports from a representative of the Veterans Home governing board on the status of the board's progress in developing and implementing a strategic plan for the Veterans Home during the 2003-04 interim (Budget Section)

Chapter 7 § 6 Receive report from the Veterans Home on any line item transfer of appropriation authority between line items for the 2001-03 biennium to implement changes in technology and telecommunications (Budget Section)

Chapter 14 § 5 Receive report from the Children's Services Coordinating Committee at least twice during the 2003-04 interim on the amount of "refinancing" funds generated and the uses of the funds for the 2003-05 biennium (Budget Committee on Human Services)

Chapter 15 § 14 Receive report from the Industrial Commission before November 1, 2004, regarding recommendations for merger of the Oil and Gas Division and Geological Survey (Budget Section)

Chapter 18 § 9 Receive report annually during the 2003-04 interim from the commissioner of commerce regarding specified economic goals and associated benchmarks (Economic Development Committee)

Chapter 33 § 7 Receive report from the Department of Human Services after June 30, 2004, regarding any transfer of appropriation authority between line items and between subdivisions in excess of \$50,000 (Budget Section)

Chapter 36 § 10 Approve transfers from the earnings and undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the state general fund, not exceeding the lesser of \$9 million or the shortfall of actual general fund revenue collections compared to the March 2003 legislative forecast (Budget Section)

Chapter 36 § 30 Receive information from the Information Technology Department relating to the delivery of consolidated services to agencies and status of accumulated savings (Information Technology Committee)

Chapter 36 § 30 Receive information from the Information Technology Department relating to the delivery of consolidated services to agencies and status of accumulated savings (Budget Section)

Chapter 36 § 31 Administer appropriation for the purpose of upgrading the sound systems in the House and Senate chambers (Legislative Management Committee)

Chapter 36 § 42 Receive report in December of even-numbered years from the director of the Office of Management and Budget on specified commodities and services exempted by the director from the procurement requirements of NDCC Chapter 54-44.4 (Budget Section)

Chapter 157 § 10 Receive report from the Education Standards and Practices Board before July 1, 2004, regarding potential changes to the licensure process and the impact of those changes (Education Committee)

<b>2003 Session Laws Citation</b>	<b>Subject Matter (Committee)</b>
Chapter 231 § 5	Receive certification from the Department of Human Services by October 1, 2004, of whether the department and developmental disabilities service providers have reached an agreement on a new fee-for-service system (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 330 § 5	Receive notice from the Public Employees Retirement System Board of the date the board receives a letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that the section allowing a member to purchase service credit with pretax or aftertax moneys does not jeopardize the qualified status of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
Chapter 494 § 11	Receive notice from the Public Employees Retirement System Board of the date the board receives a letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that the section allowing a member to purchase service credit with pretax or aftertax moneys does not jeopardize the qualified status of the Public Employees Retirement System (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
Chapter 665 § 7	Receive periodic reports from the Information Technology Department regarding budgeted and actual information technology equipment and software purchases and estimated savings by funding source (Information Technology Committee)
Chapter 665 § 8	Receive regular reports from the Office of Management and Budget regarding transfers of funds between line items for state agencies by the director of the Office of Management and Budget and the State Treasurer as may be requested to accommodate information technology funding reductions made by the 58th Legislative Assembly (Budget Section)
Chapter 665 § 12	Receive information from the Information Technology Department relating to the delivery of consolidated services to agencies and status of accumulated savings (Budget Section)
Chapter 665 § 12	Receive information from the Information Technology Department relating to the delivery of consolidated services to agencies and status of accumulated savings (Information Technology Committee)
Chapter 665 § 13	Contract with consultants to conduct an information technology organizational study and an information technology management study and consultant oversight by October 1, 2003 (Information Technology Committee)
Chapter 665 § 13	Receive periodic progress reports on the status of the information technology organizational study and the information technology management study (Information Technology Committee)
Chapter 665 § 13	Receive final report on the information technology organizational study and the information technology management study (Budget Section)
Chapter 666 § 5	Receive report at the fall 2003 and summer 2004 meetings from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county jails contracting to house state female inmates on the implementation and procedures of contracting with counties to house state female inmates (Budget Section)
Chapter 666 § 8	Receive from the State Auditor the results of the performance audit of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation if conducted between July 1, 2003, and January 1, 2005 (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
Chapter 667 § 33	Receive information from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the estimated costs that are likely to be incurred by this state during the ensuing eight years to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (No Child Left Behind Committee)
Chapter 667 § 34	Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as soon after September 1, 2004, as practicable any findings and conclusions with respect to completion of the data envelopment analysis project (Education Committee)
Chapter 667 § 38	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding notices received from school boards which detail the grounds for not using at least 70 percent of new money received for per student payments and tuition apportionment payments for the purpose of increasing compensation paid to teachers (Education Committee)
Chapter 669 § 1	Receive periodic reports from the Office of Management and Budget on state employee positions eliminated by agencies and reported agency budgetary savings (Budget Section)

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Chapter 669 § 3 Receive reports from the Office of Management and Budget and the judicial branch on the state employee salary increases provided for each year of the biennium (Budget Section)

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

The following table identifies additional assignments by the Legislative Council or the Legislative Council chairman to interim committees.

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Interim Committee</b>
Review and report on budget data prepared by the director of the budget	Budget Section
Review the 2004 rate increase proposed by Workforce Safety and Insurance and projections for future rate adjustments - Legislative Council chairman directive	Commerce Committee
Study issues relating to North Dakota Century Code Section 34-06-05 regarding employment under conditions that may be detrimental to health or morals - Legislative Council chairman directive	Criminal Justice Committee
Study methods for funding and providing law enforcement training in this state	Criminal Justice Committee
Monitor status of state agency and institution appropriations	Government Performance and Accountability Committee
Statutory and constitutional revision	Judicial Process Committee
Review legislative rules	Legislative Management Committee
Study corporate and personal income taxes	Taxation Committee
Study tax preferences for products, services, and entities	Taxation Committee
Study implementation and effect of the streamlined sales tax	Taxation Committee

**STUDY MEASURES NOT PRIORITIZED**

The following table lists the study directives not prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2003-04 interim under authority of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-03. The subject matter of many of these measures is the same or similar to the subject matter of studies that were given priority or of study assignments by the Legislative Council.

<b>Bill or Resolution No.</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
1007 § 8	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a separate payment rate class for the Veterans Home and the related effect on the state's general fund and the long-term care industry in this state
1023 § 3	Study the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-17.2-23 regarding the statutory limitation on the amount of capital construction lease payments paid from the general fund and the effect of increasing the percentage limitation
1439 § 4	Study the laws of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, the effects of adopting and implementing a graduated penalty for offenders with a high level of blood alcohol content and repeat offenders, and other general deterrents to driving under the influence
2006 § 4	Study the effect on cities and counties of repeal of the estate tax
2008 § 5	Study the feasibility and desirability of funding the Public Service Commission entirely from special fund revenue sources
2012 § 15	Study programs providing services to children with special health care needs in this state and service needs of these children which are not available under current programs
2012 § 17	Study North Dakota's long-term care continuum of services, including service delivery methods and payment systems, the cost-effectiveness of the programs and the appropriateness of rate structures, and the nursing home equalized rate policy

<b>Bill or Resolution No.</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
2027 § 2 (2001)	Study the efficiency and effectiveness of each motor vehicle branch office included in the motor vehicle branch office pilot project
2249 § 4	Study issues relating to the protection of historical or archaeological artifacts or sites that are found or located upon land owned by the state or its political subdivisions or otherwise come into the custody or possession of the state or its political subdivisions
2287 § 1	Study the feasibility and desirability of providing for the licensure of accredited business accountants
3002	Study the total amount of tax-exempt property by county; the loss of tax revenues from flooded property and from previously taxable property that is purchased by tax-exempt entities, including ownership in trust for Indian tribes; and the impact of the tax status of these tax-exempt properties on the ability of local communities to provide social services, including child support enforcement services
3003	Study state and local funding obligations for social services, including child support enforcement services
3008	Study the use of electronic home detention for nonviolent offenders
3012	Study the laws of this state concerning arbitration of construction issues with the Department of Transportation
3013	Study the laws of this state concerning abandonment and vacation of sections of routes of the state highway system
3018	Study the impact of high-volume grain terminals on local highway systems and possible methods of mitigating the impact
3023	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a regional dental school in North Dakota within the North Dakota University System and in conjunction with the School of Dentistry at the University of Minnesota
3024	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a regional school of veterinary medicine and providing preference for resident students who specialize in food animal clinical studies at the out-of-state veterinary schools participating in the professional student exchange program within the North Dakota University System budget
3026	Study the use of E85 fuel by the state
3032	Study the feasibility and desirability of converting vacant public school buildings in rural areas into methamphetamine detoxification and treatment facilities
3034	Study the civil commitment laws in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1, court decisions concerning civil commitment, and the civil commitment laws of other states
3050	Study the equity of the current system for awarding workers' compensation death benefits and the feasibility and desirability of creating a death benefit investment system
3055	Study the patterns of migration from rural to urban areas experienced by this state and by other Midwestern states and explore various opportunities for revitalizing and strengthening rural communities, including new initiatives and reforms of existing policies
3056	Study whether this state is experiencing a medical insurance crisis, including a study of methods of improving the availability and affordability of liability insurance and the feasibility of allowing medical providers and medical facilities to participate in an insurance reserve fund managed by the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund or other like entity
3059	Study small claims court
3063	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing an exchange program for emerging leaders
3064	Study the use of remote-controlled locomotives and related safety and security

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3073	Study the effectiveness and appropriateness of tax preferences provided by state law and discretionary action of political subdivisions
4014	Study methods for funding and providing law enforcement training in this state
4019	Study actions that can be taken at the state level to address the problem of inaccurate or obsolete information on consumer reports
4029	Study issues relating to the Indian population of the state, including sovereignty, educational opportunities, cultural understanding, population dispersement, unemployment, health concerns, suicide rates, living conditions, and impact on the caseloads of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
4035	Study legislative alternatives to foster and promote economic development in areas on or near Indian reservations in North Dakota