

## STUDY DIRECTIVES CONSIDERED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE 2005-06 INTERIM

The following table identifies the bills and resolutions prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2005-06 interim under authority of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.

<b>Bill or Resolution No.</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
1010 § 11	Study the need for a comprehensive, long-range study of the state's current and future health care needs in order to address issues such as the aging population of the state, the phenomenon of health care cost-shifting to the private sector, the trend of uncompensated health care services, shortages in the number of health care professionals, duplication of technology and facilities, and any other factors that might affect the health care system in North Dakota in the year 2020 (Budget Committee on Health Care)
1010 § 12	Study the appropriate minimum standard of loss ratio for accident and health insurers and whether that loss ratio is more appropriately set by statute or by rule (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1012 § 15	Study the services provided by residential treatment centers and residential child care facilities and the appropriateness of the payments provided by the state for these services (Budget Committee on Human Services)
1013 § 16	Study the state's elementary and secondary education system, including key measurements of student progress, programs that address the state's competitiveness with other states, costs incurred by the state relating to implementing the No Child Left Behind Act, and the most effective means of using taxpayer dollars at the state and local levels to ensure the best possible education for the children of this state (Education Committee)
1015 § 28	Study issues related to state employee compensation, including total state employee compensation, the human resources system, retirement benefits, health insurance benefits, and the feasibility and desirability of implementing equity pay, merit pay, and pay for performance compensation systems (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)
1035 § 1	Establish a government performance and accountability system pilot project involving up to three executive branch agencies during the 2005-06 interim (Budget Committee on Government Services)
1195 § 7	Study the feasibility and desirability of requiring professional employer organizations operating in North Dakota to register with the state, including consideration of how other states address the issue of registration of professional employer organizations (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1198 § 1	Study reemployment processes and costs and an appropriate method for providing a limitation on the total average number of job-attached unemployment insurance claimants (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1260 § 1	Study public improvement contracts and issues relating to use of multiple bids versus single prime bids, construction management, professional liability and indemnification, and design-build delivery systems (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1280 § 6	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating an allied health professions board to regulate the practice of members of allied health professions, including the feasibility and desirability of a North Dakota allied health professions board entering joint professional licensure agreements with neighboring states (Budget Committee on Health Care)
1332 § 3	Study the pharmacy benefits management industry, including the extent of competition in the marketplace for health insurance and prescription drugs; whether protecting the confidentiality of trade secret or proprietary information has a positive or negative impact on prescription drug prices; the ownership interest or affiliation between insurance companies and pharmacy benefits management companies and whether such relationships are good for the consumer; the impact of disclosure of information regarding relationships between pharmacy benefits management companies and their customers; the use of various cost-containment methods by pharmacy benefits managers, including the extent to which pharmacy benefits managers promote the use of generic drugs; the actual impact of the use of pharmacy benefits management techniques on community pharmacies; the impact of mail service pharmacies on consumers and community pharmacies; the impact of generic and brand name drugs in formulary development, drug switches and mail order operations, as well as spread pricing, data sales, and manufacturers' rebates and discounts; the price consumers actually pay for prescription drugs in North Dakota; and consideration of the

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	legality of imposing statutory restrictions on pharmacy benefits managers (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1370 § 1	Study the railroad fuel surcharges (Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
1434 § 1	Study the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, including amendments to the Act, changes to federal regulations implementing the Act, and any policy changes and letters of guidance issued by the United States Secretary of Education (No Child Left Behind Committee)
1459 § 5	Study the Medicaid medical reimbursement system, including costs of providing services, fee schedules, parity among provider groups, and access (Budget Committee on Human Services)
1473 § 1	Study sentencing alternatives, mandatory sentences, treatment options, the expanded use of problem-solving courts, home monitoring, and other related issues (Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration)
1523 § 1	Study workers' compensation claims that are brought to the committee by injured workers for the purpose of determining whether changes should be made to the laws relating to workers' compensation (Worker's Compensation Review Committee)
1524 § 1	Study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government relations, the delivery of services, case management services, child support enforcement, and issues related to the promotion of economic development (Tribal and State Relations Committee)
2001 § 6	Study the feasibility and desirability of arranging for the printing of bills and resolutions for the 60th Legislative Assembly by using computers and high-speed printers rather than printing multiple copies of all bills and having copies available in the bill and journal room (Legislative Management Committee)
2001 § 7	Study the need for additional legislative committee meeting rooms and expend available funds for remodeling legislative meeting rooms if additional meeting rooms are needed (Legislative Management Committee)
2001 § 8	Study the appropriateness of increasing the daily compensation for chairmen of substantive standing committee divisions established by rule of the House or Senate (Legislative Management Committee)
2003 § 23	Study higher education funding and accountability, including a review of the progress made in implementing the Higher Education Roundtable recommendations relating to the University System meeting the state's expectations and needs, the funding methodology needed to meet these expectations and needs, and the appropriate accountability and reporting system for the University System, and including an independent consultant's evaluation of the roundtable recommendations and goals and objectives of the University System, the long-term financing plan for the University System, and the University System's prioritization of higher education funding - Selection of consultant by Legislative Council (Higher Education Committee)
2004 § 20	Study the costs and benefits of adopting a comprehensive healthy North Dakota and workplace wellness program in collaboration with the State Department of Health, health insurers and other third-party payers, Workforce Safety and Insurance, interested nonprofit health-related agencies, and others who have an interest in establishing accident and disease prevention programs (Budget Committee on Human Services)
2004 § 21	Study the state's public health unit infrastructure and the ability of the public health units to respond to public health issues, including an assessment of the efficiency of operations, given the personnel and financial resources available; the effectiveness of services, given the lines of governmental authority of the current infrastructure; and the efficiency of the food and lodging investigation services provided by the State Department of Health and the public health units, and to develop a plan maximizing efficiencies through a coordinated system and fee structure (Budget Committee on Human Services)
2015 § 12 (amended by HB 1015 § 41)	Develop a legislative strategic plan, including site and facilities' plans, for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's incarceration and correctional facility needs (Budget Committee on Government Services)
2018 § 9	Study the implementation by Job Service North Dakota of a shared work demonstration project (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
2032 § 17	Study the state's business climate through a business climate initiative, including receipt of agency reports regarding economic development legislation introduced by the Legislative Council during previous legislative sessions, participation in business climate focus groups across the state, and participation in a Business Congress held before June 1, 2006, and a Business Congress held before June 1, 2008. The Legislative Council is to contract with a third party to provide professional services to plan, facilitate, report on, and coordinate followup for the focus groups and Business Congresses included within the study. (Economic Development Committee)

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2032 § 18	Study the issues relating to venture and risk capital and whether and how some of these issues may be negatively impacting business development in the state (Economic Development Committee)
2115 § 1	Study the process to negotiate and quantify reserved water rights (Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
2171 § 1	Study the licensure and regulation of acupuncturists practicing in the state, as well as the possibility of multistate joint licensure and regulation programs (Budget Committee on Health Care)
2269 § 2	Study the fiscal impact and the feasibility and desirability of establishing an umbrella licensing organization for a group consisting of counselors, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and social workers (Budget Committee on Health Care)
2361 § 2	Study the state's marriage laws and methods for strengthening the institution of marriage in the state, including premarital requirements, such as marital education and counseling, waiting periods, and marital blood tests; the availability of marriage counseling and parenting education in the state; and the implementation of predivorce requirements, such as divorce-effects education (Judiciary Committee)
2372 § 1	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing an organization or ombudsman to support and coordinate federal, tribal, state, including institutions of higher education, and local government and private efforts to discourage destructive behavior, including alcohol and drug abuse and tobacco use (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)
2404 § 1	Study enhanced funding for elementary and secondary education and methods, including sales tax, income tax, and tax exemptions, by which the state's reliance on property taxes to fund elementary and secondary education could be reduced (Finance and Taxation Committee)
3005	Study information identifying state-owned real estate and study the utilization of real estate owned by state agencies and institutions, the best use of state-owned real estate, and whether the state should establish and maintain an inventory of state-owned real estate (Budget Committee on Government Services)
3014	Study judicial elections and recent federal court decisions affecting the conduct of judicial elections (Judicial Process Committee)
3028	Study utilization of the state's abundant energy resources to attract energy-intensive economic development projects to the state (Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
3036	Study state agency and institution continuing appropriation authority (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
3040	Study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic development of the state (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
3042	Study the laws of this state and other states as they relate to the unauthorized acquisition, theft, and misuse of personal identifying information belonging to another individual (Judicial Process Committee)
3054	Study state programs providing services to children with special health care needs to determine whether the programs are effective in meeting these special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's system for providing services to children with special health care needs, and whether there are significant unmet special health care needs of children which should be addressed (Budget Committee on Human Services)
4001	Hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress (Budget Section)
4010	Study alternatives to the current method of expressing property tax levies in mills per dollar of taxable valuation (Finance and Taxation Committee)
4027	Study the legal and medical definitions used for dementia-related conditions - Revised by Legislative Council directive (Judicial Process Committee)
4031	Study the feasibility and desirability of adopting the Uniform Trust Code (Judiciary Committee)
4032	Study the feasibility and desirability of adopting Revised Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code - General Provisions (Judiciary Committee)

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4-02.1-18	Receive annual audit report from the 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 (Industry, Business, and Labor 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, effective until July 1, 2005 (Budget Section)
4-14.1-07.1	Receive statement from an ethanol plant in operation before July 1, 1995, and receiving a production incentive from the state indicating whether the plant produced a profit from its operation in the preceding fiscal year, after deducting the payments received under the section (Budget Section)
4-19-01.2	Approve use of moneys deposited in the 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 a corporation receiving an 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)
11-18-22.1	Receive report from the North Dakota Association of Counties before April 1 of each even-numbered year regarding how each county has used the county's document preservation fund during the preceding two fiscal years, effective until August 1, 2009 (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)
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)
15-10-42	Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2006, regarding implementation of a policy requiring all institutions to assess faculty and teaching assistant English communication skills (Education Committee; Higher Education 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)
15-69-02	Approve, upon receiving a recommendation from the Emergency Commission and in conjunction with the State Board of Higher Education and the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation, designation of a center of excellence recommended by the Centers of Excellence Commission (Budget Section)
15-69-05	Receive annual audits from a center of excellence that is awarded funds under Chapter 15-69 on the funds distributed to the center, until completion of four years following the final distribution of funds (Budget Section)
15.1-02-09	Receive annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the end of February on the financial condition of school districts (Education Committee)
15.1-02-13	Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of annual school district employee compensation reports (Education Committee)

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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)
15.1-09-57(4)	Receive report filed by the Education Standards and Practices Board at the conclusion of each school year citing all requests for exceptions to the requirement that individuals be licensed to teach in a particular course area or field, including the board's response to each request and a brief description of the board's rationale (No Child Left Behind Committee)
15.1-21-10	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)
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 (Judicial Process 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 \$15 million (Budget Section)
25-04-02.2	Authorize the 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 the Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
26.1-50-05	Receive annual audited financial statement and report from the 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 rule-making (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 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, effective through September 30, 2006 (Budget Committee on Health Care)

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45-10.1-71	Receive annual audit report from a limited partnership receiving an 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)
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)
49-24-13	Receive written report from the North Dakota Transmission Authority each biennium (Electric Industry Competition Committee)
50-06-05.1	Approve termination of federal food stamp or energy assistance program (Budget Section)
50-06-25	Receive biennial report from the Department of Human Services which provides a five-year historical analysis of the number of persons receiving services under the medical assistance program, the costs for rendering the services by program appropriations, the budget requested, the budget appropriated, and actual expenditures for each of the preceding five years, effective until July 1, 2007 (Budget Committee on Human Services)
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)
53-12.1-03	Receive report, as requested, from the director of the North Dakota Lottery regarding the operation of the lottery (Judicial Process Committee)
54-03-20	Establish guidelines on maximum reimbursement of legislators sharing lodging during a legislative session (Legislative Management 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 the State Auditor (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
54-10-13	Determine when the State Auditor is to perform audits of political subdivisions (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)

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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)
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 a 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 a 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 a 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)
54-16-04.1	Approve, with the Emergency Commission, acceptance of any federal funds made available to the state which are not for a specific purpose or program and which are not required to be spent before the next regular legislative session for deposit in a special fund until the Legislative Assembly appropriates the funds (Budget Section)
54-16-04.2	Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a 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 a 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)
54-23.3-09	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 the 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 the Commission on Uniform State Laws (Judiciary 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)

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54-35-02.7	Overview of the Garrison Diversion Project and related matters and any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water-related topics (Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
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 2007 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 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)
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; Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)

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54-59-19	Receive annual report from the Information Technology Department (Information Technology 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)
54-60-11	Receive biennial report from the Commissioner of Commerce on the process used and factors considered by the commissioner in identifying target industries on which economic development efforts are focused and the special focus target industry (Economic Development Committee)
54-60.1-07	Receive the compilation and summary of state grantor reports filed annually by the Department of Commerce beginning in 2007 and the reports of state agencies that award business incentives for the previous calendar year (Economic Development Committee)
54-61-03	Receive annual report from the director of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents containing pertinent data on the indigent defense contract system and established public defender offices (Judicial Process Committee)
57-40.6-11	Receive annual report from the Division of State Radio on the operation of and any recommended changes in the emergency 911 telephone system standards and guidelines (Electric Industry Competition 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 (Electric Industry Competition Committee)
65-02-03.3	Receive annual report from the director of Workforce Safety and Insurance and the chairman of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
65-02-05.1	Receive biennial report from Workforce Safety and Insurance 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 the director of Workforce Safety and Insurance, the chairman of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors, and the auditor regarding the biennial performance audit of the organization (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
65-04-03.1	Receive periodic reports from Workforce Safety and Insurance 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)
65-06.2-09	Review report from Workforce Safety and Insurance on recommendations based on safety audit of Roughrider Industries work programs and performance audit of modified workers' compensation coverage program (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)

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**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 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)

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**Subject Matter (Committee)**

Chapter 12 § 4	Approve, with the Emergency Commission, additional full-time equivalent positions in the Department of Human Services for Medicaid program review of eligibility and payments when it is cost-effective to hire additional positions in lieu of contracts (Budget Section)
Chapter 12 § 6	Receive report from the Department of Human Services after June 30, 2006, regarding any transfers between line items and between subdivisions in excess of \$50,000 (Budget Section)

- Chapter 12 § 11 Receive report from the Department of Human Services by July 1, 2006, regarding the department's review of its budget, programs, and services to determine the extent to which the department can provide for additional general fund requirements resulting from changes in the federal medical assistance percentage for North Dakota without affecting the level of services provided by the department (Budget Committee on Human Services)
- Chapter 12 § 16 Receive report from the Department of Human Services during the 2005-06 interim on the department's plan to transfer appropriate individuals from the Developmental Center to community placements and on the anticipated number of individuals that will be transferred during the 2005-07 biennium (Budget Committee on Human Services)
- Chapter 15 § 42 Approve, with the Emergency Commission, up to 21 additional full-time equivalent employee positions at the State Hospital relating to the substance abuse treatment pilot program (Budget Section)
- Chapter 16 § 6 Approve, with the Emergency Commission, borrowing up to \$900,000 from the Bank of North Dakota by the Department of Emergency Services to migrate the State Radio Communications system from analog to digital (Budget Section)
- Chapter 16 § 7 Receive report, as requested, from the Department of Emergency Services detailing the uses of federal homeland security funds at the state and local levels and any discrepancies relating to the local needs assessment completed by the department and purchases made with federal homeland security funds (Budget Section)
- Chapter 16 § 10 Receive report from the Department of Emergency Services on its reevaluation of job classifications impacted by the department's reorganization, the positions affected by the reorganization, and a detailed justification of any prior salary increases and a recommendation and analysis of any proposed salary increases or decreases (Budget Section)
- Chapter 16 § 10 Approve salary increases to positions affected by the Department of Emergency Services' reorganization after the department's reevaluation of job classifications impacted by the reorganization (Budget Section)
- Chapter 29 § 3 Administer appropriation for the purpose of replacing sound system mixers in the House chamber (Legislative Management Committee)
- Chapter 29 § 5 Review and adopt project plan for replacement of legislative technology applications and approve deliverables of each completed project phase (Legislative Management Committee)
- Chapter 31 § 9 Receive report from a representative of the State Board of Higher Education regarding the allocation of the equity pool provided to address equity at higher education institutions and other campus needs (Budget Section)
- Chapter 31 § 17 Receive report from a representative of the State Board of Higher Education periodically during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the board's review of the long-term finance plan (Budget Section; Education Committee; Higher Education Committee)
- Chapter 32 § 26 Receive report from the State Department of Health during the 2005-06 interim regarding the department's basic care survey pilot project which includes a recommendation of whether the unannounced survey process should continue for all basic care facilities (Budget Committee on Health Care)
- Chapter 40 § 4 Receive report from the Department of Transportation regarding any additional full-time equivalent positions for highway construction and maintenance hired in lieu of contracting for those positions (Budget Section)
- Chapter 42 § 6 Approve, with the Emergency Commission, construction of footings for up to three additional floors in a new Bank of North Dakota building (Budget Section)
- Chapter 42 § 35 Receive annual report from the manager of the State Mill and Elevator Association concerning the current role and mission of the association and short-term and long-term plans for acquisitions, construction, renovation, equipment upgrading, sales and marketing, personnel, and all financial matters, as well as a description of efforts by the association to inform legislators about the role, mission, and operations of the association (Budget Section)
- Chapter 46 § 13 Approve, with the Emergency Commission, borrowing of up to \$5,000,000 by the Office of Management and Budget as requested by the Centers of Excellence Commission for the purpose of providing funding to centers of excellence (Budget Section)
- Chapter 46 § 21 Receive report from the Department of Commerce after July 1, 2006, on the use of grant funds provided to the Rural Development Council to match federal funds (Budget Section)
- Chapter 46 § 25 Receive report from the Department of Commerce after July 1, 2006, on the use of grant funds provided to the Red River Valley Research Corridor to match federal (Budget Section)
- Chapter 46 § 26 Receive report from the Department of Commerce after July 1, 2006, on the use of grant funds provided to the North Dakota center for technology program (Budget Section)
- Chapter 46 § 27 Receive report from the Department of Commerce after July 1, 2006, on the use of funding for grants in the partners in marketing grant program (Budget Section)

- Chapter 46 § 46 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the American Indian Business Development Office and the status of the International Trade and Business Office (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 47 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the certification program through which the Division of Economic Development and Finance provides training services to local economic developers (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 48 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the image information program (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 49 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the business hotline program (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 50 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the Dakota manufacturing initiative (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 51 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce before July 1, 2006, on the outcome of the Department of Commerce's study of the state's intellectual property laws as they relate to the protection of intellectual property rights (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 52 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce before July 1, 2006, on the outcome of the Department of Commerce's study of the state's economic development incentives (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 46 § 53 Receive report from the Commissioner of Commerce annually during the 2005-06 interim regarding North Dakota economic goals and associated benchmarks (Budget Section)
- Chapter 52 § 2 Receive report from the Highway Patrol after July 1, 2006, regarding the progress of the training for law enforcement officers and emergency service providers provided under the appropriation provided by Chapter 52 (Budget Section)
- Chapter 57 § 4 Determine when the Agriculture Commissioner, Bank of North Dakota, and North Dakota Stockmen's Association must report on the livestock loan guarantee program to the standing Agriculture Committees of the 60th Legislative Assembly (Legislative Management Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 19 Receive report from the president of the Bank of North Dakota during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the Bank's investment in alternative and venture capital investments and early-stage capital funds (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 20 Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education and the Centers of Excellence Commission during the 2005-06 interim on the status of the centers of excellence program (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 21 Receive report from the Insurance Commissioner before July 1, 2006, on the outcome of the commissioner's compilation of existing data regarding the state's liability insurance marketplace (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 22 Receive report from the chancellor of the University System before July 1, 2006, on the outcome of the State Board of Higher Education's study of incentives the state could adopt to serve as catalysts for stimulating more efficient commercialization of new technologies (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 23 Receive report from the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute before July 1, 2006, on the outcome of the institute's study of how improvements to the transportation infrastructure of this state might enhance the business climate and the state's competitive position in economic development (Transportation Committee)
- Chapter 151 § 24 Receive report from the director of the Office of Management and Budget during the 2005-06 interim on the status of providing procurement information through the Internet and on the outcome of the director's procurement assistance center study (Economic Development Committee)
- Chapter 167 § 30 Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding notices received from school boards that vote not to use 70 percent of new moneys received during the 2005-07 biennium for the purpose of increasing compensation paid to teachers or providing compensation to teachers beginning employment after June 30, 2005 (Education Committee)
- Chapter 167 § 31 Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the conclusion of each school year during the 2005-07 biennium reports the Superintendent compiles covering operations of education associations governed by joint powers agreements (No Child Left Behind Committee)
- Chapter 225 § 2 Receive report from the Game and Fish Department before July 1, 2006, regarding the department's findings on its assessment of the status of mountain lions in North Dakota (Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Chapter 412 § 2 Receive periodic reports from the Department of Human Services during the 2005-06 interim regarding the status of the alternatives-to-abortion services funding, the first of which must be made by December 1, 2005 (Judiciary Committee)

Chapter 413 § 3	Receive periodic status reports from the Department of Human Services and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Working Group during the 2005-06 interim regarding the activities of the working group and the implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 413 § 4	Receive report from and provide input to the Department of Human Services during the 2005-06 interim regarding the development of recommendations required with respect to medical assistance program management under NDCC Section 50-24.1-27 (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 414 § 3	Approve, with the Emergency Commission, receipt and expenditure of additional funds by the Department of Human Services for treatment services under the department's substance abuse treatment pilot program (Budget Section)
Chapter 417 § 5	Receive report from the Department of Human Services during the 2005-06 interim regarding the status of the Medicaid waiver to provide in-home services, the number of applications the department receives for in-home services, and the status of the program's appropriation (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 428 § 2	Receive report from the Department of Human Services during the 2005-06 interim regarding the department's progress in developing and implementing a plan for implementing the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 430 § 2	Receive report from the Department of Human Services before November 1, 2005, regarding the status of the amendment to the Medicaid state plan regarding the disregard of any assets to the extent that payments are made or because an individual has received or is entitled to receive benefits under a long-term care insurance policy (Budget Committee on Human Services)
Chapter 470 § 11	Receive report from the Attorney General regarding any expenditures made or employees hired under the authority to defray additional administrative and other operating costs of the North Dakota lottery in excess of the appropriation (Budget Section)
Chapter 497 § 1	Visit and inspect the veterans' memorial on the Capitol grounds and recommend repairs and updates to Facility Management before September 1, 2005 (Legislative Management Committee)
Chapter 538 § 9	Receive periodic reports from the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents during the 2005-06 interim regarding the implementation of the indigent defense system, with the first report presented before December 1, 2005 (Judicial Process Committee)
Chapter 601 § 37	Receive report from the Agriculture Commissioner in November 2005 and June 2006 regarding all notifications and requests for assistance by individuals who believe local weed boards have not eradicated or controlled noxious weeds satisfactorily (Agriculture and Natural Resources 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)

### 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
Monitor status of state agency and institution appropriations	Budget Committee on Government Services
Study issues relating to the appropriate public uses for the power of eminent domain	Judicial Process Committee
Statutory and constitutional revision	Judicial Process Committee
Review legislative rules	Legislative Management Committee
Study federal highway appropriations and state matching requirements	Transportation Committee
Study effectiveness of financial responsibility requirements imposed on individuals convicted of driving without liability insurance	Transportation Committee
Study cost-shifting of medical costs of individuals injured in automobile crashes	Transportation Committee

## STUDY MEASURES NOT PRIORITIZED

The following table lists the study directives not prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2005-06 interim under authority of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02. 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>
1008 § 7	Study the changes in responsibilities and duties of the Public Service Commission since its inception, including an evaluation of what additional duties have been given to the commission and those duties no longer performed
1009 § 14	Study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a license fee for businesses receiving state meat inspection program services and whether the fee would impact the number of businesses that would use the federal meat inspection service rather than the state service
1012 § 12	Study the Department of Human Services system of paying qualified service providers, including a review of the appropriateness of payment levels to various providers
1012 § 14	Study methods of improving the sustainability of funding long-term care services in the state, including a review of case mix and rate equalization, consideration of additional support for facilities providing additional restorative care services, and consideration of options for reducing the number of required reports of facilities providing high-quality care or for seeking waivers to change the survey process
1013 § 15	Study the potential for cooperative field service delivery between North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf
1015 § 29	Study employee salaries of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, including a salary comparison of the department's employees to market, salary increases and equity adjustments from 1995 through 2005, salary increases and equity adjustments authorized for the 2005-07 biennium, employee turnover, and salary equity funding requested and provided
1203 § 11	Study the current system under which property taxes levied by school districts are abated for the purpose of furthering economic development and whether this practice of abating property taxes levied by school districts should continue to be a part of economic development efforts in this state
1203 § 12	Study the system of local economic developers to determine whether the existing system provides the most effective and efficient system; whether the system could be improved by providing for increased uniformity in the provision of local economic development services or uniform applications, project investment standards, and economic development services or uniform applications, project investment standards, and economic development authority governance; and whether there are undesirable gaps or duplications in local economic development services, particularly in rural communities
1272 § 2	Study the feasibility and desirability of revising the process for appointing or electing individuals to the North Dakota Wheat Commission
1396 § 1	Study driving under the influence, repeat offenses, prevention, enforcement, and penalties
1453 § 2	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating an emblem for the sole use of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Legislative Council
1530 § 1	Study North Dakota's oil and gas tax structure, including comparison to the oil and gas tax structure of other producing states and consideration of the feasibility and desirability of simplification of North Dakota's oil and gas tax structure
2004 § 22	Study whether to change guidelines for funding programs as a result of additional tobacco settlement collections that are anticipated to be received and deposited in the community health trust fund from 2008 through 2017
2023 § 5	Study deferred maintenance and infrastructure for all state agencies and institutions and compile a list of all the deferred maintenance and long-term infrastructure needs
2113 § 1	Study issues related to hunting and fishing privileges by nonresidents and nonresidents who are former residents
2160 § 1	Study administration and enforcement of the State Building Code and its relationship to local standards and enforcement
2215 § 1	Study feasibility and desirability of private sector employers securing health insurance for permanent and temporary employees or themselves through a health insurance pool

<b>Bill or Resolution No.</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>
2257 § 1	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating a diversion program for people who have written bad checks as an alternative to prosecution
2268 § 1	Study issues related to waste rubber recycling, abatement and remediation of waste rubber tire stockpiles, and the recovery of components of petroleum-based products
2272 § 1	Study circumstances in which property should cease to be considered agricultural property for property tax purposes
2272 § 2	Issues related to transferability of income tax credits for installation of geothermal, solar, or wind energy devices
2390 § 1	Study city and county development impact fees
2393 § 1	Study sales, use, and gross receipts tax exemptions and reductions, with emphasis on those that are available for only certain purchasers, including for each exemption or reduction a detailed analysis of the fiscal impact to the state, benefits to the state economy from eliminating the exemption or rate reduction, benefits to the state economy of retaining the exemption or rate reduction, relationship of the exemption or reduction to tax policies of other states and to federal or state laws or regulations, and who are the beneficiaries of each exemption or reduction, including the extent to which the benefits flow to out-of-state concerns
2395 § 4	Study issues relating to Medicaid and other public funding for the extraordinary health care needs of children who live in an institution or who are at risk of institutionalization; the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota program provided for under NDCC Chapter 26.1-08, including contracting for a cost-benefit analysis of this program; and the state programs providing services to children with special health care needs to determine whether the programs are effective in meeting these special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's system for providing services to children with special health care needs, and whether there are significant unmet special health care needs of children which should be addressed
3001	Study the legal and enforcement issues relating to child support collections on Indian reservations, including state and tribal court jurisdictions, recognition of income withholding orders, and logistics involved in transferring child support collected to custodial parents
3010	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a state Brownfields law; superfund law; other efforts to encourage the remediation and redevelopment of sites on which there has been a release of pollution, contaminants, or petroleum; and measures to encourage property owners to invest in and redevelop these sites
3013	Study the causes of and factors that reduce the severity of motor vehicle crashes
3016	Study the delivery of veterans' services by the state and counties
3022	Study data regarding cervical cancer and human papillomavirus, evaluate current methods of public education and access to regular cervical cancer screening, and consider options for increasing screening accuracy
3025	Study the issues of fairness and equity as they relate to the issuance and enforcement of child visitation orders
3031	Study issues relating to tribal-state relations, including methods for encouraging greater tribal-state cooperation; the promotion of economic development on Indian reservations in the state; the identification and study of health care, child welfare services, social services, environmental protection, education, and law enforcement issues on the reservations; the identification and study of the social and fiscal impact of providing social services in counties within and adjacent to the reservations; and the identification and proposals for the resolution of the water issues affecting the state and the tribes
3038	Study organ and tissue donation and actions that may be taken at the regional, state, local, and private levels to increase organ and tissue donations
3039	Study the appropriate level of state-sponsored tourism marketing
3043	Study the need for supportive housing and services, including emergency shelters, transition housing, and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with children
3045	Study the feasibility and desirability of authorizing nonprofit organizations to participate in a government liability self-insurance pool

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3047	Study sentencing alternatives with an emphasis on the expanded use of rehabilitation over incarceration, the provision of more treatment options, and the adequate funding of treatment programs
4009	Study school district and library funding sources to determine if a method can be found to provide an incentive to reduce school district and library property tax levies
4011	Study assessment and taxation of mobile homes and similar housing alternatives with an emphasis on making assessment and taxation of those housing alternatives equitable in comparison with assessment and taxation of traditional residential housing
4016	Study the feasibility and desirability of adopting a statewide procedure for conducting missing persons investigations
4030	Study the delivery of long-term care services in North Dakota with primary emphasis on the individual's preferred method of care, patient safety, quality of care, potential duplication of service, and the direction of state assistance
4033	Study whether enhancing the quality of child care and increasing access to affordable child care would favorably impact economic development in the state
4037	Study the laws pertaining to fences located outside the corporate limits of the state's cities and the relevancy of those laws in the 21st century
4039	Study state and local taxes and other funding sources that may be used to more equitably spread the responsibility for funding elementary and secondary education, reduce reliance on property taxes, and enhance equity and adequacy of funding for elementary and secondary education