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STUDY DIRECTIVES CONSIDERED AND ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE 2007-08 INTERIM

The following table identifies the bills and resolutions to be prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2007-08 interim under authority of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.

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1003 § 23	Study the means by which the North Dakota University System can further contribute to developing and attracting the human capital to meet North Dakota's economic and workforce needs, including ways to increase postsecondary access, improve the quality of education, contain costs, and other means, including productivity, to maximize the usage of the University System in meeting the human capital needs of the state; including a review of policy recommendations that address the postsecondary delivery system, including the mix of institutions, educational attainment gaps, degree production gaps, recruitment and retention of students, and workforce training needs; and including a review of the impact of the state's changing demographics on the University System's long-term financing plan (Higher Education Committee)
1004 § 8	Study the emergency medical services system within the state, including the funding, demographics, and impact on rural areas (Public Safety Committee)
1012 § 6	Study highway funding and transportation infrastructure needs, including those needs resulting from energy and economic development in the state (Transportation Committee)
1015 § 10	Engage consultant and architectural services, subject to Legislative Council approval, for the development of three correctional facility concepts to address the immediate and future needs of the State Penitentiary (Correctional Facility Review Committee)
1018 § 19	Participate in the Department of Commerce Renaissance Zone Conference to review the list of projects in the state which have been undertaken under the renaissance zone program, evaluate whether the projects have positively impacted the renaissance zone communities, consider options for smaller communities to become involved in the renaissance zone program or a similar program, and make recommendations regarding how the program could be improved to further meet the needs of the state and local communities (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1018 § 20	Study the state's system for addressing workforce needs through a workforce system initiative that includes receipt of agency reports regarding implementation of workforce legislation enacted during the 2007 legislative session, active participation in focus groups across the state, and active participation in a workforce congress (Workforce Committee)
1018 § 21	Study the organization, powers, duties, and effectiveness of the Department of Commerce, including review of the legislative history leading to the creation of the department; review of the legislative and executive branch expectations in the creation of the department and whether those expectations are being met; evaluation of the effectiveness of the North Dakota Economic Development Foundation in providing a nonpartisan, private sector perspective to the department's approach to the department's duties; evaluation of the organizational structure of the department, including whether the department should include a division of science and technology; and evaluation of the strategic planning process of the department and its effectiveness (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1018 § 28	Study issues relating to wireless service providers in the state and how wireless service impacts the business climate in the state (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1146 § 2	Study issues related to the severance of hunting access from the surface estate (Natural Resources Committee)
1156 § 1	Review 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 (Workers' Compensation Review Committee)
1213 § 1	Study the current state exemptions for bankruptcy and the desirability of updating these exemptions (Judicial Process Committee)
1218 § 2	Study the licensure, training, and classroom education requirements for electricians in this state; reciprocity agreements with other states and the effect of those agreements on standards in this state; and the effect of the licensure, training, classroom education requirements, and reciprocity agreements on the availability of qualified electricians in this state (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
1219 § 2	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a statewide automated victim information and notification system to provide information and notify registered victims regarding the status of an offender (Judiciary Committee)

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- 1299 § 2 Study the regulation and licensing of pharmacists in this state, including an examination of the State Board of Pharmacy, the board's size, the manner of board membership appointment, and whether the board is representative of commercial and noncommercial pharmacists; the state's demographics and the impact changing demographics in rural areas will have on the ability of small, locally owned pharmacies to remain economically viable and of rural residents to access low-cost pharmaceuticals and pharmacy and pharmacists' services; pharmacy ownership restrictions, the relevance of those restrictions in terms of marketplace competition, and the impact of those restrictions on the price and availability of pharmaceuticals and on pharmacy and pharmacists' services; and statutory interplay between the board and the North Dakota Pharmaceutical Association and whether the regulatory function of the board conflicts with the advocacy function of the association (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
- 1321 § 4 Study the extraterritorial zoning authority of cities and the impact of that authority on other political subdivisions (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)
- 1359 § 2 Study Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and exemptions for interstate and intrastate transportation in relation to this state's law and exemptions, including a review of any industry-specific applications of regulations and possible exemptions to current transportation activities within this state (Transportation Committee)
- 1456 § 1 Study the siting and decommissioning of commercial wind farms, including identification of key issues of public and industry concern; solicitation of public input from local government officials, electric utilities, the wind industry, landowners, farm organizations, and other concerned interests; review of the laws and policies of other jurisdictions; recommendations concerning laws or policies needed in this state to address wind farm siting and reclamation of wind farm sites; and the decommissioning of wind farm sites (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
- 1473 § 1 (2005) 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)
- 1479 § 1 Study the appropriateness of each agency exemption from the Administrative Agencies Practice Act, including discussion and analysis of each exemption and a presentation by each agency entitled to an exemption (Administrative Rules Committee)
- 2008 § 9 Study the practices and laws relating to the sale of real estate by auctioneers, including a review of the sale of multiple parcels of property at a single sale (Judiciary Committee)
- 2012 § 9 Study infant development programs, including a review of the state's lead agency agreement, service coordination, staffing, and funding structure, including the adequacy of the funding and the equitable distribution of the funds to providers (Human Services Committee)
- 2013 § 14 Study the provision of services to children and adults who are deaf or hearing-impaired, including the role of the North Dakota School for the Deaf in the provision of educational and rehabilitative services, the short-term and long-term viability of existing state facilities, and alternative approaches that might enhance the scope and breadth of service availability; the feasibility of combining the administration and delivery of services of the School for the Deaf with other area school districts, educational associations governed by joint powers agreements, special education units, and North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind; and examination of alternative uses for the buildings on the School for the Deaf campus beyond the scope of the school's present mission (Higher Education Committee)
- 2016 § 8 Study the Department of Emergency Services, including the Division of Homeland Security and the Division of State Radio, including a review of the allocation of federal homeland security funding, the operation of State Radio, and potential changes to the 911 fee structure to continue salary equity funding provided in the 2007-09 biennium (Public Safety Committee)
- 2030 § 11 Study the appropriateness and adequacy of high school curricula, with respect to preparing students for higher education and for the workplace, and examine curricular changes implemented in other states and expectations placed on students in other countries (Education Committee)
- 2030 § 16 Study the short-term and long-term involvement of regional education associations, including the feasibility and desirability of regional education associations becoming political subdivisions; whether teachers should be employed directly by regional education associations, and whether that employment should include bargaining rights, contract renewal and nonrenewal provisions, participation in the Teachers' Fund for Retirement, and participation in the state's uniform group insurance program; the impact that allowing regional education associations to hire teachers directly would have on the recruitment and retention of teachers currently employed by school districts and on teacher salary levels; whether teacher employment contracts, if offered by regional education associations, would have to parallel those of participating school districts with respect to

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common school calendars, annual or personal leave provisions, and other contractual benefits; the conduct of evaluations, if teachers are employed directly by regional education associations, including who will conduct the evaluations, their frequency, and the criteria upon which the evaluations are based; the organizational structure of regional education associations, including the qualifications of administrative or supervisory personnel; the governance structure of regional education associations; and state level oversight (Education Committee)

- 2032 § 13 Study the feasibility and desirability of property tax reform and providing property tax relief to taxpayers of the state, with the goal of reduction of each taxpayer's annual property tax bill to an amount that is not more than 1.5 percent of the true and full value of property, and including examination of the proper measure of education funding from local taxation and state resources and the variability of funding resources among taxing districts and examination of improved collection and reporting of property tax information to identify residency of property owners with minimized administrative difficulty (Taxation Committee)
- 2060 § 3 Study the laws providing criminal penalties for violation of the state's laws and administrative rules regulating occupations and professions, including consideration of whether it is the desired public policy of this state to have laws that create criminal penalties applicable to entire chapters of the North Dakota Century Code and entire titles of the North Dakota Administrative Code regulating occupations and professions (Administrative Rules Committee)
- 2109 § 3 Study the state's long-term care system, including capacity, geographical boundaries for determining capacity, the need for home and community-based services, a methodology to identify areas of the state which are in need of additional skilled nursing facility beds, access, workforce, reimbursement, and payment incentives (Long-Term Care Committee)
- 2139 § 1 Study the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to agriculture for the purpose of eliminating provisions that are irrelevant or duplicative, clarifying provisions that are inconsistent or unclear in their intent and direction, and rearranging provisions in a logical order (Agriculture Committee)
- 2149 § 3 Study job development authorities across the state to determine the economic impact created by the authorities, to examine funding mechanisms used by the authorities when expending resources for economic development purposes, and to determine whether the authorities serve a viable purpose (Workforce Committee)
- 2178 § 3 Study the allocation of oil and gas tax revenues to or for the benefit of political subdivisions with emphasis on determining whether allocations sufficiently address oil and gas development infrastructure impact to political subdivisions (Taxation Committee)
- 2186 § 3 Study the temporary assistance for needy families program administered by the Department of Human Services, including review of the sustainability of current services and programs being funded by temporary assistance for needy families funds, review of the potential programs and services that could be funded by use of temporary assistance for needy families funds, and review of the need for increased assistance to recipients of temporary assistance for needy families who are attending a postsecondary institution of learning (Human Services Committee)
- 2188 § 2 Study risk assessments for railroad facilities, the handling of hazardous cargo by railroads, and the ability of railroads to respond to potential accidents and emergencies, including sabotage, terrorism, and other crimes, and including an evaluation of whether whistleblower protection would provide a desirable response in employees to report dangerous conditions or violations of law relating to hazards, emergencies, and accidents (Transportation Committee)
- 2205 § 18 Study the success and effects of the laws enacted by the 55th Legislative Assembly in House Bill No. 1041 (1997) and Senate Bill No. 2052 (1997), the "swap proposal," which required counties to pay the entire cost of the local administration of Medicaid, energy assistance, basic care assistance, child care assistance, and temporary assistance for needy families in exchange for the state's assumption of the full responsibility for paying the grant costs associated with those programs, including a review of North Dakota Century Code Sections 50-01.2-00.1, 50-01.2-03.1, 50-01.2-03.2, 50-01.2-06, 50-03-00.1, 50-03-08, 50-03-09, 50-03-10, 50-06-05.1(28), 50-06-20, 50-24.1-14, and 50-24.5-08 to determine if those provisions have created a more understandable and sustainable division of responsibility between the state and counties in the delivery and financing of these economic assistance programs (Human Services Committee)
- 2217 § 2 Study abstracters, title opinions, and title insurance, including a review of the orderly and efficient transfer of real property which provides adequate assurances of title (Judiciary Committee)
- 2284 § 2 Study the exemption provisions found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 28-22, including determining whether the exemptions in the current form continue to serve the historical purposes of protecting debtors from creditors and providing debtors with the basic necessities of life, so that debtors will not be left destitute and

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	public charges of the state (Judicial Process Committee)
2402 § 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)
3008	Study best state practices relating to child custody - Revised by Legislative Council directive (Judicial Process Committee)
3013	Study statutes and institutional resources relating to the domestic violence protection order process, including criminal cases for alleged violation of protection orders (Judicial Process Committee)
3022	Study the availability and future need for dementia-related services, as well as funding for programs for individuals with dementias (Long-Term Care Committee)
3025	Study possible methods of growing North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state (Workforce Committee)
3026	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing legislation for the enforcement and assessment of civil penalties for violation of the one-call excavation notice system (Natural Resources Committee)
3044	Study how the state might pursue additional uses of Lake Sakakawea and Missouri River waters for such beneficial purposes as domestic and industrial uses, recreation, fish and wildlife, and irrigation, and how the state, to enhance its use of the lake and river, might promote congressional review of the 1944 Flood Control Act and a reexamination by the Corps of Engineers of the way in which it manages the Missouri River system (Natural Resources Committee)
3046	Study ways in which various public and private entities can cooperate with families to promote healthy lifestyles for children and create awareness about the interplay of healthy lifestyle choices and educational success (Education Committee)
3048	Study crime victims compensation funding, including a review of other states' efforts, and receive input from victim advocacy groups and medical providers (Judiciary Committee)
3056	Study the search for and identification of missing persons (Judicial Process Committee)
3063	Study the delivery and funding of veterans' services by the state and counties (Public Safety Committee)
4005	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a transition to independence program for young adults with mental illness (Long-Term Care Committee)
4011	Study the formation of a North Dakota gaming commission to regulate and control all forms of gaming in North Dakota (Judiciary Committee)
4021	Study the income tax laws, with emphasis on adjustments necessary to minimize or negate the impact to any taxpayer of establishing a single, uniform income tax return for all individuals (Taxation Committee)
4028	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a paternity registry (Judicial Process Committee)
4031	Study political subdivisions that receive property tax revenue and any changes that may increase efficiencies and reduce property taxes (Taxation Committee)
4032	Study ways in which schools and school districts can train teachers, counselors, and all other school staff to better identify high-risk students and provide programs designed to reduce the incidences of high-risk behaviors that can lead to suicide attempts (Education 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 (Agriculture Committee)
4-05.1-19(10)	Receive status report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (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)
4-24-10	Determine when agricultural commodity promotion groups must report to the standing Agriculture Committees (Legislative Management Committee)
4-35.2-04	Determine when the Agriculture Commissioner must submit a biennial report to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Committees on the status of the pesticide container disposal program (Legislative Management Committee)

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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)
15-10-44	Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education, on request, regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects (Information Technology 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, reject, or rerefer, 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 North Dakota Century Code 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)
15.1-02-18	Receive report from the Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee before the 61st Legislative Assembly on the status of the plan for a longitudinal data system (Education Committee; Information Technology Committee; Workforce Committee)
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 North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-21-03 (Education 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)
23-27-04.7	Receive report from the State Health Officer before July 1, 2008, regarding the outcome and recommendations of the State Health Council's study of the minimum requirements of reasonable emergency medical services coverage, taking into account the response time for emergency medical services (Public

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	Safety Committee)
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)
26.1-36.4-06	Receive report from the Insurance Commissioner on findings regarding insurers' use of modified community rating for health insurance or health benefits coverage policies (Industry, Business, and Labor 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 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 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 (Workforce Committee)
40-63-07	Receive annual report from the Division of Community Services on conclusions of annual audits of renaissance fund organizations (Budget Section)
45-10.2-115	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)
48-01.2-25	Approve the change or expansion of, or any additional expenditure for, a state building construction project approved by the Legislative Assembly (Budget Section)
49-24-13	Receive written report from the North Dakota Transmission Authority each biennium (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
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 (Human Services Committee)
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)
53-06.2-04	Receive biennial report from the Racing Commission regarding the operation of the commission (Judiciary Committee)
53-12.1-03	Receive report, as requested, from the director of the North Dakota Lottery regarding the operation of the lottery (Judiciary 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)

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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 (Human Services Committee)
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)
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; 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)
54-14-03.1	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)
54-17.7-13	Receive biennial report from the North Dakota Pipeline Authority on its activities (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
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)

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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)
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)
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 2009 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)
54-35-15.2	Receive a project startup report and a project closeout report from the affected legislative or judicial branch agency regarding any information technology project with a total cost of \$250,000 or more (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-15.2	Receive information from the State Board of Higher Education regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-15.2	Receive and review information received from the Information Technology Department relating to higher education information technology projects with a cost of \$250,000 in one biennium or a total cost of \$500,000 and receive and review information from the department regarding any information technology project of an executive branch agency with a total cost of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-15.2	Receive a report from the Chief Information Officer regarding the recommendations of the State Information Technology Advisory Committee relating to the prioritization of proposed major information technology projects and other information technology issues (Information Technology Committee)
54-35-18	Study the impact of a comprehensive energy policy for the state and the development of each facet of the energy industry from the obtaining of the raw natural resource to the sale of the final product in this state, other states, and other countries, through August 1, 2011 (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
54-35-22	Review 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 (Workers' Compensation Review Committee)
54-35-23	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, until August 1, 2009 (Tribal and State Relations Committee)
54-35-24	Study sentencing alternatives, mandatory sentences, treatment options, the expanded use of problem-solving courts, home monitoring, and other related issues, until July 1, 2009 (Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration)
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 (Public Safety Committee)
54-44-04	Receive report from the director of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of tobacco settlement

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	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)
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)
54-60-11	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 (Workforce 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 (Workforce 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)
57-38-01.29	Receive report (for review) from the Tax Commissioner regarding any reduction the Tax Commissioner makes in the homestead property income tax credit (Budget Section)
57-38-01.30	Approve any reduction the Tax Commissioner makes in the commercial property income tax credit (Budget Section)
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 (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
57-40.6-12	Receive report from the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee by November 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the use of the assessed communications services fee revenue; and receive recommendations regarding changes to the operating standards for emergency services communications, including training or certification standards for dispatchers (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
57-51.2-05	Receive report from the Governor describing the negotiations and terms of any agreement between the Governor and the Three Affiliated Tribes relating to taxation and regulation of oil and gas exploration and production within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation; and thereafter receive biennial reports

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	describing the agreement's implementation and any difficulties in its implementation (Tribal and State Relations 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)
65-02-30	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 North Dakota Century Code 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)

**2003 Session
Laws Citation****Subject Matter (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 North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-44.4 (Budget Section)
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**2005 Session
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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)
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**2007 Session
Laws Citation****Subject Matter (Committee)**

Chapter 1 § 7	Administer appropriation for committee room renovations (Legislative Management Committee)
Chapter 1 § 8	Review Legislative Council staff services during the 2007-08 interim for the purpose of determining future legislative staffing needs (Legislative Management Committee)
Chapter 3 § 18	Approve any annual tuition increase of more than 5 percent for each year by the State Board of Higher Education for students attending institutions under its control for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years (Budget Section)
Chapter 4 § 12	Receive report from the State Department of Health before August 1, 2008, regarding the status of the department's demonstration project that offers a life safety survey process for basic care facilities and long-term care facilities during and at the conclusion of a construction or renovation project that costs more than \$3 million and whether the program should be made permanent (Long-Term Care Committee)
Chapter 9 § 4	Receive report from the State Fair Association before July 1, 2008, regarding the status of constructing a new grandstand on the state fairgrounds, including the status of developing a business plan and the progress of fundraising efforts (Budget Section)
Chapter 12 § 4	Receive report from the Department of Transportation regarding any additional full-time equivalent positions hired for highway construction and maintenance in lieu of entering contracts for those purposes (Transportation Committee)
Chapter 15 § 10	Approve or reject the correctional facility concept authorized by the Emergency Commission from the three correctional facility concepts forwarded to the commission by the Legislative Council's Correctional Facility Review Committee (Budget Section)
Chapter 15 § 12	Receive project startup report from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation before the department's inmate medical system is implemented (Budget Section)
Chapter 15 § 12	Approve implementation of an inmate medical system by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Budget Section)
Chapter 15 § 12	Receive reports from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation during the planning phase of the department's development of an inmate medical system; also receive project startup report before the inmate medical system is implemented (Information Technology Committee)
Chapter 15 § 17	Receive space, operational, and staffing plan from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation at the first Budget Section meeting after March 1, 2008, regarding the State Penitentiary and James River

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	Correctional Center (Budget Section)
Chapter 18 § 14	Approve up to \$10 million for funding centers of excellence at the first Budget Section meeting after September 1, 2007, and approve the remainder of the \$15 million appropriation for funding centers of excellence at the first Budget Section meeting after September 1, 2008 (Budget Section)
Chapter 18 § 15	Approve, with the Emergency Commission, loan of \$5 million by the Bank of North Dakota to the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of providing funding to centers of excellence as directed by the Centers of Excellence Commission (Budget Section)
Chapter 18 § 18	Approve loan of up to \$2,920,000 by the Bank of North Dakota to the Secretary of State for the purpose of implementing the North Dakota business development engine information technology project (Budget Section)
Chapter 18 § 19	Receive report from the Department of Commerce before July 1, 2008, on the department's Renaissance Zone Conference activities and the department's recommendations resulting from the conference (Workforce Committee)
Chapter 18 § 23	Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2008, on the status of the implementation of the CCbenefits, Inc., services and any recommendations relating to the use of the CCbenefits, Inc., services (Higher Education Committee)
Chapter 18 § 38	Receive report from the Department of Commerce during the 2007-08 interim on the implementation and successes and failures of the Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program and whether the program should be continued or continued and expanded (Workforce Committee)
Chapter 25 § 1	Receive report from the Department of Human Services before August 1, 2008, on the status of medical assistance recipients' access to dental services (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 30 § 13	Receive periodic reports from the Attorney General on the status of the construction of a new crime laboratory during the 2007-08 interim (Budget Section)
Chapter 35 § 11	Receive report from the Public Service Commission and Facility Management Division by July 1, 2008, regarding the facility use agreement governing metrology services conducted within the current metrology facility and the future of the metrology laboratory (Budget Section)
Chapter 36 § 13	Receive annual report from the Agriculture Commissioner regarding the revenues and expenditures of the state meat inspection program (Budget Section)
Chapter 36 § 14	Receive annual report from the Agriculture Commissioner regarding the status of the endangered species program (Budget Section)
Chapter 36 § 16	Receive from the State Auditor during the 2007-09 biennium the results of a performance audit of the services provided pursuant to the cooperative agreement between the Agriculture Commissioner and the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services (Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee)
Chapter 39 § 4	Receive report from the Department of Human Services after June 30, 2008, regarding any transfers of appropriation authority in excess of \$50,000 between line items within subdivisions and between subdivisions of its appropriation for the 2007-09 biennium (Budget Section)
Chapter 39 § 5	Approve loan of \$3.5 million by the Bank of North Dakota to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing the state matching share of additional medical assistance grants for developmental disabilities services (Budget Section)
Chapter 43 § 7	Receive report from the Game and Fish Department by December 31, 2008, regarding the department's findings as a result of its study of the recruitment and retention of hunters in North Dakota (Budget Section)
Chapter 46 § 11	Receive report from the State Water Commission by July 1, 2008, regarding the commission's findings and recommendations resulting from its assessment of the impact of tile drainage on the beneficial use of water by prior water appropriators (Natural Resources Committee)
Chapter 47 § 5	Receive quarterly reports from Workforce Safety and Insurance on the agency's status of implementing the performance audit recommendations of the State Auditor (Budget Section)
Chapter 50 § 3	Receive report from the Department of Human Services at each Budget Section meeting during the 2007-08 interim on the status of the Medicaid management information system computer project (Budget Section)
Chapter 50 § 4	Approve the use of \$500,000 or more of contingency funds by the Department of Human Services for a project change or other occurrence relating to the Medicaid management information system (Budget Section)
Chapter 55 § 4	Receive periodic reports from the Veterans Home during the 2007-08 interim regarding the status of the

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	Veterans Home construction project (Budget Section)
Chapter 78 § 7	Receive report from the Commissioner of Financial Institutions before July 1, 2008, on the outcome of the commissioner's study of how the state's building and loan association and mutual savings bank laws relate to conversions of state credit unions to building and loan associations or mutual savings banks and any proposed legislation the Department of Financial Institutions determines necessary to replace North Dakota Century Code Title 7 (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)
Chapter 155 § 1	Receive report from the dean of the University of North Dakota College of Nursing regarding the nursing education consortium to address common concerns in nursing education (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 162 § 17	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the conclusion of each school year during the 2007-09 biennium covering the operations of regional education associations (Education Committee)
Chapter 163 § 51	Receive periodic reports from the North Dakota Commission on Education Improvement regarding the commission's examination of the current system of delivering and financing public elementary and secondary education (Education Committee)
Chapter 163 § 52	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction during the 2007-09 biennium regarding notices received from boards of school districts which determine that providing at least 70 percent of new money received for per student payments to increase the compensation paid to teachers would result in the school district having insufficient fiscal resources to meet other obligations (Education Committee)
Chapter 171 § 4	Receive report from the Education Standards and Practices Board before November 1, 2008, regarding the payments made to individuals who hold national board certification (Education Committee)
Chapter 178 § 2	Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction during the 2007-08 interim regarding the planning and development of the electronic course delivery approval process for approving the provision of elementary or high school courses electronically to a student, school, or school district (Education Committee)
Chapter 204 § 6	Receive report from the Department of Commerce's Energy Policy Commission during the 2007-08 interim on the progress of and results from the North Dakota Energy Independence Initiative (Energy Development and Transmission Committee)
Chapter 223 § 2	Receive report from the Game and Fish Department by July 1, 2008, regarding the department's findings and recommendations resulting from its study of hunter safety education requirements and hunter safety for all ages of hunters (Natural Resources Committee)
Chapter 229 § 1	Receive report from the State Health Officer before July 1, 2008, on the findings and recommendations of the department's contractor's evaluation of the trauma system in the state and the department's responses and proposed responses to the recommendations (Public Safety Committee)
Chapter 230 § 2	Receive periodic reports from the State Department of Health's Immunization Task Force during the 2007-08 interim regarding the impact of the immunization program transition on the local public health units and receive periodic reports during the 2007-08 interim from the State Health Officer regarding the fiscal impact of the transition (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 241 § 2	Receive report from the State Department of Health before August 1, 2008, regarding the impact of implementation of the survey process for basic care facilities to identify and correct deficiencies (Long-Term Care Committee)
Chapter 250 § 4	Receive report from the State Department of Health no later than July 1, 2008, regarding the findings of the department's contractor's assessment of the state's emergency medical services system to assist in developing an integrated emergency medical services program that includes a comprehensive statewide emergency medical services system (Public Safety Committee)
Chapter 314 § 7	Receive report from the Industrial Commission during the 2007-08 interim on revenues and expenditures of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund; the geophysical, geothermal, subsurface minerals, and coal exploration fund; and the geologic data preservation fund for the 2007-09 biennium (Budget Section)
Chapter 414 § 2	Receive annual reports from the Department of Human Services during the 2007-08 interim regarding the status of the alternatives-to-abortion services program (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 416 § 2	Receive report from the Department of Human Services before March 1 of each even-numbered year on services provided by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation relating to individuals at the State Hospital who have been committed to the care and custody of the executive director of the Department of Human Services (Correctional Facility Review Committee)
Chapter 418 § 5	Receive report from the Department of Human Services during the 2007-08 interim regarding the

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	transition assistance for the child care program implemented pursuant to Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2186 (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 430 § 2	Receive semiannual reports and a final report by October 1, 2008, from the Drug Utilization Review Board regarding the board's review of utilization, cost, and effectiveness of certain drugs and the board's findings and recommendations for legislative changes (Human Services Committee)
Chapter 503 § 3	Receive report during the 2007-08 interim from each county that has not fully implemented use of soil type and soil classification data from detailed and general soil surveys for property tax assessment purposes regarding the reason for failure to implement use of that information and the anticipated date when the county will have fully implemented use of that information (Taxation Committee)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

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

Responsibility	Interim Committee
Review state revenues and spending during the 2007-09 biennium, review preliminary revenue estimates, and develop preliminary spending bench marks for the 2009-11 biennium	Budget and Finance Committee
Review and report on budget data prepared by the director of the budget	Budget Section
Study of employee benefits provided by state agencies which are not specifically authorized by law or if authorized by law are not consistent among agencies	Employee Benefits Programs Committee
Review Workforce Safety and Insurance premiums, benefits, and accountability and transparency methods and the results of consultant reviews of claims review, human resources, and management areas	Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
Statutory and constitutional revision	Judiciary Committee
Review legislative rules	Legislative Management Committee
Review State Water Commission operation and procedures	Natural Resources Committee
Receive periodic reports from the State Water Commission relating to the implementation of 2007 S.L., ch. 559, authorizing the State Water Commission to issue bonds for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project	Natural Resources Committee
Receive periodic reports on the development of the digital elevation model for the Red River Basin	Natural Resources Committee
Monitor status of state agency and institution appropriations	Public Safety Committee
Study the means by which the University System fulfills North Dakota's workforce needs	Workforce Committee

STUDY MEASURES NOT PRIORITIZED

The following table lists the study directives not prioritized by the Legislative Council for study during the 2007-08 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.

Bill or Resolution No.	Subject Matter
1003 § 24	Study higher education professional student exchange programs, including review of the amount of annual tuition and fees paid by students for health care-related professional education programs; the amount of annual support fees paid by the state for health care-related professional education programs; the number of state-supported slots funded and demand for state-supported slots; the present repayment provisions and loan forgiveness programs to determine cost-effectiveness, equality issues, and development of program enhancements that would aid in the recruitment of professional students to return to the state to practice their

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	chosen profession; and discontinuation of the contracts with the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education for access to veterinary medicine programs and consideration of negotiating contracts for veterinary medicine with Kansas, Iowa, and Minnesota
1012 § 5	Study the traffic fines imposed by state and local governments
1015 § 16	Study retirement program criteria and benefits for correctional officers and peace officers employed by state agencies, including the feasibility and desirability of allowing these employees to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 or the "Rule of 85"
1018 § 22	Study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a grant program for North Dakota students who are attending North Dakota institutions of higher education and who have excelled academically, including consideration of desirable eligibility criteria for students under such a grant program, funding options for such a grant program, and a cost-benefit analysis of such a grant program
1018 § 27	Study the state's housing needs and how unmet housing needs may affect economic development in the state
1092 § 37	Study the application of and the desirability of changing the law relating to the welfare of Indian children when placed in the care of individuals other than parents and the effect of the Indian Child Welfare Act on state law
1387 § 1	Study the leasing or renting of facilities for the use by district courts from counties or other political subdivisions, including the feasibility and desirability of counties retaining a portion of the fees collected by the counties in lieu of leasing or renting by the state
1460 § 4	Study Workforce Safety and Insurance governance changes made during the 2007 legislative session
2009 § 15	Study the transfer of predator control from the Agriculture Commissioner to the Game and Fish Department, including a review of the South Dakota predator control program
2012 § 8	Study the feasibility and desirability of continuing the equalization of nursing home payment rates and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a provider tax or assessment on nursing homes, including input from representatives of the Department of Human Services, other appropriate state agencies, and the nursing home industry
2030 § 12	Study the delivery of services to English language learners, including federal requirements, instructional options, assistance from the private sector, and the short-term and long-term budgetary impacts on the school districts and taxpayers of the state
2030 § 13	Study the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, including the effect of proposed changes on the students, teachers, and school districts of this state, the manner in which state assessments are conducted, the reporting and utilization of assessment results, and the performance of North Dakota students
2030 § 14	Study federally funded afterschool programs being offered to North Dakota students, including the content of the programs, applicable regulations, targeted students, and the direct and indirect costs and benefits of the programs
2030 § 15	Study the feasibility and desirability of supporting teacher mentoring programs in urban and rural school districts and the most effective and efficient ways teacher mentoring programs could be implemented and delivered, including consideration of the identification and preparation of mentors and the styles, strategies, and professional development needs that would assist novice teachers in surviving, thriving, and ultimately deciding to consider teaching as a lifelong career
2152 § 3	Study the historic and anticipated uses of funds from the community health trust fund, including a cost-benefit evaluation of past expenditures from the fund, the feasibility and desirability of establishing a strategic plan for future use of the fund, and the sustainability of the fund
2161 § 2	(If federal or other funds have not been awarded to the Attorney General by September 1, 2007) Study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a system of computerized registration sites for certain criminal offenders
2169 § 11	Study the feasibility and desirability of collecting emergency 911 fees on the sale of prepaid wireless services, including an evaluation of methods by which E911 fees may be collected from end users and purchasers of prepaid wireless services on an equitable, efficient, competitively neutral, and nondiscriminatory basis and a review of whether the collection of fees on prepaid wireless services would constitute an efficient use of public funds, given the technological and practical considerations of collecting the fees
2180 § 8	Study the agronomic, economic, and environmental issues related to biofuels production in North Dakota, including the availability of feedstocks and other production resources, existing and future production capacity, farmer and processor contracting models, public and private financial incentives, and the transportation infrastructure necessary to meet optimum production and marketability levels for biofuels in this state
2186 § 4	Study the state's child care resource and referral system, including consideration of the purposes and goals of the system and whether the current system is furthering these purposes and goals and consideration of the

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	most appropriate funding source of the system
3002	Study the judicial election and judicial selection process in North Dakota
3012	Study the determination of the cost of elementary and secondary education
3034	Study the feasibility and desirability of addressing the current imbalance in the funding and governance of the State Potato Council and of eliminating refunds from the potato assessment law
3041	Study the trends and correlations of property tax revenue in relation to funding human services delivery in individual counties
3049	Study whether it is feasible and desirable to modify the renaissance zone law to allow for scattered site development
3057	Study the corporate and individual income tax laws to determine the feasibility and desirability of providing income tax benefits for employers to encourage expansion of employment opportunities in the state
3059	Study the exercise of extraterritorial zoning authority by cities
3061	Study the financial and environmental impact of confined animal feeding operations on individual property owners and local communities and develop clear, concise, and consistent laws governing the siting and regulation of confined animal feeding operations
3062	Study solutions to the problem of underage drinking
4004	Study the respective responsibilities of county and state judicial system personnel under the Uniform Juvenile Court Act in light of statutory ambiguities in defining those responsibilities
4008	Study issues affecting the delivery of child welfare services in the state, including out-of-home placement determinations; emphasis on family counseling, including in-home counseling; staffing patterns in county social services offices; supervision standards for child welfare staff; funding from private, state, and federal sources; and the viability of joint powers agreements among counties and the nature of public and private partnerships in support of effective child welfare services
4013	Study the property tax exemption for public housing authorities
4020	Study the regulation of and consumer protection for timeshare agreements
4025	Study the feasibility and desirability of developing and funding a program to provide services to youth in foster care who are preparing to transition to adulthood and for youth between 18 and 21 years of age who have left foster care and need assistance
4029	Study the feasibility and desirability of transferring some of the facilities and property of the State Hospital from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, including consideration of any constitutional, legal, and financial issues related to a transfer and creation of a comprehensive plan for the care of individuals with mental illness and care for individuals addicted to alcohol or other drugs and for the best use of the State Hospital facilities and property, including the continuation of a state hospital in Jamestown to provide necessary services to individuals with mental illness and drug addiction and alcoholism
4030	Study joint powers associations and school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions and the statutory requirements for effectuating each outcome, including the role of county superintendents and county committees; the impact of each on students, parents, teachers, taxpayers, and communities; and the continued relevancy of the processes in light of numerous changes in the educational sector