

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the May 8, 2018, meeting

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction of information regarding:

- Funding challenges of North Dakota school districts attempting to enroll students from neighboring states;
- A review of funding for adult learning centers, including funding for students ages 16 through 21 accessing services at adult learning centers;
- Estimates of the cost-to-continue state school aid, transportation aid, and special education grants at the current levels in the 2019-21 biennium; and
- Estimates of the cost of providing a 1 percent increase in state school aid each year of the 2019-21 biennium and a 2 percent increase in state school aid each year of the 2019-21 biennium, including the cost-to-continue those increases into the 2021-23 biennium

10:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders regarding the state school aid formula

11:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:30 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding the teacher loan forgiveness program, including:

- An update on the use of teacher loan forgiveness funds received under 2017 Senate Bill No. 2037, including the amount distributed, the number of eligible individuals receiving funds compared to the number of applicants, the recruitment and retention of individuals participating in the program, the average starting salaries of individuals participating in the program, and the effectiveness of the program as determined under criteria developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- The number of teachers benefiting from the new teacher loan forgiveness program compared to the number of teachers receiving benefits under the previous program, including the average scholarship amount under both programs; and
- An update on any anticipated changes to the teacher loan forgiveness program for the 2018-19 school year

1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons

1:45 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Kyle Davison, Ralph Kilzer, Erin Oban, David S. Rust
Representatives: Pat D. Heinert, Richard G. Holman, Dennis Johnson, David Monson, Mark S. Owens,
Mark Sanford, Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, Denton Zubke

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