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## EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 2, 2020  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the January 8, 2020, meeting](#)
- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regarding:
- Student enrollments for the 2019-20 academic year and projected student enrollments for the next 3 academic years;
  - Updated estimates of state school aid spending for the 2019-21 biennium compared to appropriations, and the estimated cost to continue state school aid for the 2021-23 biennium;
  - Funding provided through the state school aid formula by school district for the 2019-20 school year and estimated funding for the 2020-21 school year, including the percent each source--property tax, local revenue, and state funding--represents in the total formula calculation;
  - A review of the South Dakota sparsity payment formula and a map of North Dakota schools that would not qualify for funding under the sparsity payment formula, including reasons the schools would not qualify; and
  - A summary of reasons school districts continue to receive transition minimum payments
- 10:20 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 10:30 a.m. Committee discussion
- 10:40 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders regarding:
- Potential changes to the school size weighting factors;
  - A map and listing of isolated but necessary schools based on the 25-mile criteria;
  - A map and listing of K-6 and K-8 school districts, including 2019-20 state school aid funding per student, and proximity to high school districts;
  - The impact of funding adjustments for K-6 and K-8 school district models; and
  - The impact of prohibiting K-6 and K-8 school districts in North Dakota
- 11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion

- 12:00 noon      Recess
- 1:00 p.m.        Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding guardianship laws and parental placement
- 1:20 p.m.        Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders regarding special education contracts and the impact of special education services on tuition and the state school aid funding formula
- 1:50 p.m.        Presentation by a representative of DPI regarding the department's study of the special education contract system, including any recommendations for changes
- 2:10 p.m.        Comments by interested persons
- 2:20 p.m.        Committee discussion

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

- 2:30 p.m.        Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to reimbursement for elementary and secondary education transportation costs
- 2:50 p.m.        Comments by interested persons
- 3:10 p.m.        Committee discussion

**OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3:20 p.m.        Presentation by representatives of DPI regarding a financial transparency update
- 3:30 p.m.        Presentation by representatives of DPI of an annual report regarding the financial condition of school districts pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-02-09
- 3:40 p.m.        Comments by interested persons
- 3:50 p.m.        Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m.        Adjourn

CANCELLED

**Committee Members**

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Joan Heckaman, Nicole Poolman, David S. Rust  
 Representatives: David Monson, Marvin E. Nelson, Mark S. Owens, Mark Sanford

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