



North Dakota Legislative Council

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OTHER DUTIES OF THE EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE - BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

In addition to the study responsibilities assigned to the Education Funding Committee for the 2021-22 interim, the committee has also been assigned to:

- Receive an annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the end of February on the financial condition of school districts (North Dakota Century Code Section 15.1-02-09);
- Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of annual school district employee compensation reports (Section 15.1-02-13); and
- Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, before June 1, 2022, an aggregated report of school districts receiving funds from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund (Section 24 of House Bill No. 1013 (2021)).

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1034 (1999), created Chapter 15.1-02 relating to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including Section 15.1-02-09 related to biennial report contents. The section was amended in 2005 and 2007 to provide for annual reports on the financial condition of school districts. Section 15.1-02-09 ([Appendix A](#)) requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit an annual report on the financial condition of school districts to the Governor, Legislative Council, and the Secretary of State by the end of February. The Secretary of State also must transmit the report to the State Archivist for official and public use.

The Education Funding Committee has been assigned the responsibility to receive a copy of this report.

REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

The Legislative Assembly, in House Bill No. 1344 (2001), created Section 15.1-02-13 relating to a school district employee compensation report. Section 15.1-02-13 ([Appendix B](#)) requires each school district to report information regarding teacher and administrator employment, compensation, and benefits to the Superintendent of Public Instruction before September 11 of each year. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to compile the information in a manner that allows for accurate comparisons and forward a copy of the compiled information to the Governor and the Legislative Council.

The Education Funding Committee has been assigned the responsibility to receive a copy of this report.

REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

The Legislative Assembly, in [Section 24 of House Bill No. 1013 \(2021\)](#), requires school districts receiving funds from the ESSER Fund provide two narrative summary reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including information regarding learning losses of students identified within the district, including subgroup gaps; school district plans to accelerate learning recovery for all students, including closing subgroup gaps; uses of ESSER funds, including the percentage of those funds expended in categories determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and the impact ESSER Fund expenditures had on accelerating the learning recovery for the districts' students. The first school district report must be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by December 1, 2021. An aggregated report must be presented by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislative Management by June 1, 2022. The second school district report must be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by December 1, 2022, and an aggregated report must be presented by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the 68th Legislative Assembly.

The Education Funding Committee has been assigned the responsibility to receive a copy of this report.