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We are nearing the end of the first half of Legislative session with crossover coming up on February 22nd. The House still has almost 150 bills to get through before the deadline. In order to get through all of these bills, the House will likely be gaveling in at any chance it gets over the next week, including early morning and late evening sessions. The House Majority Leader optimistically expressed that he thought they might wrap up late Thursday of next week. The Senate, on the other hand, has been working at a steady pace and is expected to complete its work in advance of the crossover deadline.

Key Issues

This week, the last of our primary bills received committee recommendations and will move the floor in their respective chambers today or earlier next week. One such bill was **SB 2266**, which would require a school district to adopt a policy on the use of restraint and seclusion methods in their schools. NDSBA opposed the bill as most districts already have such a policy and we believe each board, in consultation with their staff, students and community, are in the best position to craft a policy that works for their district. The Senate Education issued a Do Not Pass recommendation by a vote of 5-2. **HB 1332**, known commonly as the “armed first responder” bill received a 10-4 Do Pass recommendation from the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee after several amendments were adopted. With the amendments, NDSBA, along with NDU, moved from an opposing to a neutral position on the bill. NDCEL and the ND Association of Small and Organized Schools were in support of the bill. **HB 1310** and **HB 1325** both received Do Not Pass recommendations from the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee. These bills would permit individuals permitted to constitutionally carry a concealed weapon and to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to a class 1 license, respectively, to carry a firearm on school property.

HB 1347 was amended by and received a 9-4 Do Pass recommendation from the House Education Committee. This bill proposed to extend the non-tenured period of a teacher from 1 year following licensure to 3 years. The amendments added back in the limited due process rights of “probationary” teachers, as well as the requirement that boards provide a list of reasons for nonrenewal. Finally, the bill was amended to include a requirement that the board, if needed and based on the teacher’s evaluation(s), provide access to a mentoring program to the teacher. **HB 1379**, which would require a school district (and other political subdivisions) to submit its budget to the voters for approval on an annual basis, also received a Do Not Pass recommendation.

HB 1365 left the House Appropriations Committee today with a Do Pass recommendation. This bill tweaks the state aid formula by excluding mills levied for a district’s sinking and interest fund from the in-lieu of deduction calculation as long as the dollars levied are used for debt reduction. Unfortunately, the bill also now includes amendments that will significantly reduce the funding received by a handful of districts. We are still working to interpret these amendments and will share more information next week.

Finally, **HB 1375** received a Do Not Pass recommendation from the House Political Subdivisions Committee today. This bill would require candidates in municipal elections to indicate a political party affiliation on the ballot. Initially, the bill did not apply to candidates for the board of a school district; however, the bill was amended by the Committee today to specifically include candidates for school board seats.

Several other bills we have been tracking were up for vote on the floor this week. **HB 1321** would have provided an income tax credit for taxpayers who choose to homeschool their children or send their students to private school. NDSBA opposed this bill and it failed on the House floor by a vote of 40-52. **HB 1380** would have removed a school district’s ability to increase its mill levy by more than 3% without voter approval. NDSBA, as well as other political subdivisions, strongly opposed this bill. The bill failed on the House floor yesterday by a vote of 25-67. If you’d like to watch the floor debate on HB 1380, click [here](#).

SB 2299 would have required schools to allow a patriotic society (i.e. Boy Scouts) to have access to students on school premises and during school hours for the purposes of recruitment and providing information. NDSBA opposed the bill because it would require a school district to create a designated open forum, which in turn would likely require the school to provide the same access to this designated open forum

to all other community groups. The Senate Education Committee issued a Do Not Pass recommendation and the bill failed on the Senate floor by a vote of 20-27. **HB 1414** sought to increase the amount of time a teacher has to accept or reject his/her contract from 14 days to 30 days. The House Education Committee issued a strong Do Not Pass recommendation and it failed on the floor today by a vote of 26-64. **SB 2181** sought to expand the definition of “bullying” in NDCC 15.1-19-17 to include certain cyberbullying conduct. NDSBA worked with members of the Senate Education Committee to amend this bill to appropriately define “cyberbullying” in such a way to allow school to regulate such conduct that has a significant impact on a student’s education opportunities or on the operation of the school, but without the obligation to address conduct that does not impact the school environment in any way. The bill, as amended, received a Do Pass recommendation from the Committee and passed on the floor by a vote of 44-1. **SB 2300** passed the Senate this week by a vote of 47-0. This bill provides an appropriation of \$1.3 million to the Department of Health to provide grants to schools for purposes of addressing behavioral health needs. **HB 1385** passed the House this week by a vote of 84-8. This bill adds a requirement that all school district bus drivers complete the national safety council defensive driving course number four workshop within the first year of employment and at least once every five years thereafter. **HB 1369** also passed the House this week by a vote of 88-0. This bill clarifies that the school district is only responsible for the costs of an initial examination and routine examinations required by NDCC chapter 15.1-07 for school district bus drivers (provided the drivers personal insurance does not cover the costs). The costs of any additional examinations after application of the individual driver’s insurance coverage would be the responsibility of the individual driver. Finally, **HB 1461** passed on the floor of the House today by a vote of 87-2. This bill, as amended, requires school districts to offer to administer dyslexia screenings to any enrolled student through the end of the second grade and gives them the option to provide dyslexia intervention services to students.

Primary Bill List and Status Report

This list includes the primary bills NDSBA is tracking and their current status.

Transportation

<u>HB 1098</u>	This bill says the Department of Transportation may not give a commercial driver’s license to an operator unless the person has met entry-level driver training requirements that are set out in federal regulations. (Passed House 73-19, Senate Hearing held 2/7)
<u>HB 1385</u>	This bill relates to mandatory safety training for school bus drivers. (Passed House 84-8)

School Calendar/Instructional Time/Instruction Content

<u>HB 1170</u>	This bill would allow a school district to make up school days cancelled due to inclement weather by offering instruction through virtual means if certain requirements are met. (Hearing held 1/23, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-2-1, Failed House 43-48)
<u>HB 1237</u>	This bill would require each school district to make information relating to child sexual abuse available to students and parents/legal guardians of students. (Hearing held 1/15, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 14-0-0, Passed House 89-0)
<u>HB 1277</u>	This bill requires a school district to include, as part of its health curriculum related to sexual health, instruction regarding medically accurate and age-appropriate sexual abuse education. (Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 14-0-0, Failed House 3-87)
<u>HB 1346</u>	This bill relates to the number of hours of instruction by school districts and weather emergencies. (Amended in Committee; Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Passed House 86-5)
<u>HB 1416</u>	This bill would repeal NDCC 15.1-06-04.1, which addresses school calendar days and teacher professional development conferences. (Hearing held 1/23; Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Failed House 14-77)
<u>HB 1538</u>	This bill would permit instruction on the strengths and weaknesses of scientific theories and controversies. (Bill Withdrawn 1/22)
<u>SB 2136</u>	This bill would add instruction on the new and old testament of the Bible to graduation requirements. (Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 5-42)
<u>SB 2149</u>	This bill requires mandatory instruction for students in mental health awareness and suicide prevention. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed House 44-3)
<u>SB 2157</u>	This bill relates to the age of student allowed to be enrolled in driver’s training courses. (Passed Senate 47-0)
<u>SB 2229</u>	This bill relates to making up instructional time if school is cancelled due to a no travel advisory. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 9-38)
<u>SB 2299</u>	This bill provides for the patriotic society’s access to students during school hours. (Hearing held 2/6, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 20-27)

Teacher Contracts	
<u>HB 1347</u>	This bill would allow school boards to nonrenew a teacher who has been teaching for 3 years or less without a due process hearing. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 8-5-1)</i>
<u>HB 1414</u>	This bill changes the amount of time for a teacher to accept or reject a contract from 14 days to 30 days. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 10-4-1, Failed House 26-64)</i>
School Safety	
<u>HB 1162</u>	This bill changes the definition of “infraction” under the criminal code. <i>(Passed House 91-0)</i> .
<u>HB 1163</u>	This bill changes the criminal penalty for possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, including a public school from a class B misdemeanor to an infraction. <i>(Hearing held 1/30, Do Pass Recommendation 12-2, Passed House 78-14)</i> .
<u>HB 1262</u>	This bill would establish a school safety and crisis hotline program through the office of attorney general whereby persons could report school safety and crisis issues anonymously. <i>(Hearing held 1/16)</i>
<u>HB 1310</u>	This bill would except from criminal liability an individual who holds a conceal and carry permit under section 62.1-04-03 and possesses a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, including a public school. <i>(Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created, Do Not Pass Recommendation)</i>
<u>HB 1317</u>	This bill would subject an owner of property to liability for injury or death caused by a firearm or dangerous weapon on the property. <i>(Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-1, Failed House 19-74)</i>
<u>HB 1325</u>	This bill would except from criminal liability for possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, any individual who is not otherwise precluded from possessing a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed under chapter 62.1-04. <i>(Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created, Do Not Pass Recommendation)</i>
<u>HB 1332</u>	This bill would allow a school district to designate an “armed first responder” to possess a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises. <i>(Hearing held 1/25, Subcommittee created, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0)</i>
<u>HB 1537</u>	This bill relates to the seizure of a firearm by a law enforcement officer and the issuance of a public safety protection order (known as “red flag” law). <i>(Hearing held 1/30, additional hearing held 2/4, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-2-1)</i>
<u>SB 2034</u>	This bill creates exceptions to prohibitions of possession of firearms. <i>(Passed by Senate 46-1)</i>
<u>SB 2052</u>	This bill would allow districts to create a safety plan and levy five mills with voter approval. <i>(Passed Senate 43-3, emergency clause carried)</i>
<u>SB 2172</u>	This bill relates the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering. <i>(Passed Senate 46-0)</i>
<u>SB 2181</u>	This bill adds cyberbullying off school premises to the definition of bullying under ND law. <i>(Hearing held 1/30, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 44-1)</i>
<u>SB 2186</u>	This bill relates to the provision of information regarding school safety and awareness issues to school districts to be posted in school common areas. <i>(Hearing held 2/5, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 44-1)</i>
<u>SB 2209</u>	This bill provides that certain records relating to cybersecurity defenses, threat assessments and response plans and emergency response plans are exempt from open records requirements. <i>(Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2281</u>	This bill relates to limitations on permissible use of force on a child. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Pass Recommendation 4-2, Passed Senate 27-19)</i>
Technology & Cyber Security	
<u>SB 2101</u>	This bill changes references to PowerSchool in NDCC to “state student information system,” and allows the statewide longitudinal data system committee to exempt school districts from implementing “state student information system.” <i>(Hearing held 1/7, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0, Passed Senate 44-0)</i>
<u>SB 2110</u>	This bill would require ITD oversee the cyber security strategy of political subdivisions, including school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/4, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0, Passed Senate 44-0)</i>
<u>SB 2340</u>	This bill relates to the protection of records regarding emergency planning and response and provides an exemption to open records laws. <i>(Hearing held 1/31, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0, Passed Senate 43-1)</i>

Finance & Tax	
<u>HB 1066</u>	This bill makes changes to the oil and gas tax distribution formula. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 9-5-0)</i>
<u>HB 1067</u>	Relating to municipal bid requirements and certificates of indebtedness. <i>(Passed House 85-4)</i>
<u>HB 1125</u>	This bill relates to plans for cooperating school districts. <i>(Passed House 88-0)</i> .
<u>HB 1152</u>	This bill would reduce the baseline funding level relating to the determination of the amount of state aid payable to each district. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Failed House 14-78)</i> .
<u>HB 1182</u>	This bill provides that the assessed valuation on any parcel of taxable property could not exceed the value assessed in the previous taxable year by more than 3%. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass Recommendation 10-3-1, Failed House 28-61)</i>
<u>HB 1208</u>	This bill establishes a teacher reimbursement program that would reimburse teachers for expenses up to \$200 incurred by the teacher for school supplies. <i>(Failed House 20-72)</i>
<u>HB 1304</u>	This bill relates to bid requirements for public improvements. <i>(Hearing held 1/17, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed House 2-90)</i>
<u>HB 1321</u>	This bill would provide an income tax credit for taxpayers whose children receive nonpublic school or home education. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 8-6-0, Failed House 40-52)</i>
<u>HB 1350</u>	This bill relates to the common schools revolving loan fund and would permit a school district to apply for loans for school construction projects from fund. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed House 15-77)</i>
<u>HB 1353</u>	This bill creates the common schools building and renovation grant fund from which school district could apply for grants to fund school construction and renovation project or reduce bonded debt. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation, 14-0-0, Failed House 7-85)</i>
<u>HB 1365</u>	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Pass Recommendation 13-0-1)</i>
<u>HB 1369</u>	This bill relates to the payment of school bus drive physical examinations. <i>(Hearing held 2/7, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 13-0-1, Passed House 88-0)</i>
<u>HB 1370</u>	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-1-1, Failed house 6-86)</i>
<u>HB 1379</u>	This bill would require political subdivisions to seek voter approval of preliminary budget statements if certain requirements are met. <i>(Hearing held 2/8)</i>
<u>HB 1380</u>	This bill relates to limitations on property tax levies by taxing districts without voter approval and relates to the determination of state aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 8-6-0, Failed House 40-52)</i>
<u>HB 1390</u>	This bill relates to limitations on the true and full valuation of property for tax purposes and limitations on property tax levies by taxing districts without voter approval; bill seeks to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of school district state aid payments. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass recommendation 9-4-1, Failed House 29-60)</i>
<u>HB 1437</u>	This bill relates to city sales tax transfers to school districts for bonded indebtedness. <i>(Hearing held 2/8)</i>
<u>HB 1449</u>	This bill relates to state aid distribution fund and oil extraction tax rate and distributions. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Do Not Pass Recommendation 13-1-0, Failed House 12-76)</i>
<u>HB 1454</u>	This bill relates to bids for school district contracts, increases the threshold amount to \$50,000 and provides an exception for cooperative purchases in the amount in excess of \$50,000 but below \$100,000, and made pursuant to joint powers agreements. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation, Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Passed House 92-0)</i>
<u>HB 1525</u>	This bill creates a common schools building and maintenance fund to be administered by the board of university and school lands; would require school districts to transfer all real property of the district to the board; the board would retire any outstanding related debt. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed house 17-75)</i>
<u>SB 2013</u>	This bill includes the appropriation for DPI and the K12 funding formula. <i>(Hearings held 1/15)</i>
<u>SB 2040</u>	This bill would prohibit school districts from protesting special improvement districts that included property owned by the district. <i>(Passed Senate 47-0)</i>

<u>SB 2116</u>	This bill would allow higher ed institutions to apply for and receive loans from the infrastructure revolving loan fund. <i>(Hearing held 1/7, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 2-43)</i>
<u>SB 2156</u>	This bill would establish an additional vehicle registration fee (25 cents) to be deposited into a driver's education fund and administered by DPI. <i>(Hearing held 1/14, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 41-4)</i>
<u>SB 2160</u>	This bill relates to the state student aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1, Failed Senate 10-37)</i>
<u>SB 2161</u>	This bill relates to the rapid enrollment construction grant program and provides for an appropriation. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 4-3-0, Failed Senate 14-32)</i>
<u>SB 2214</u>	This bill relates to school construction loans, to authorize the use of funds, and to provide a bond issuance limitation. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2255</u>	This bill relates to changes in school district tax levies. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 46-1)</i>
<u>SB 2265</u>	This bill relates to the determination of state aid payable to school district and to provide for a study. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Hearing held 2/7, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 14-0-0)</i>
<u>SB 2276</u>	This bill relates to the infrastructure revolving loan fund. <i>(Referred to Finance and Taxation Committee, Hearing held 1/28, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 5-1-0, Passed Senate 31-16)</i>
<u>SB 2280</u>	This bill relates to state foundation aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0, Failed Senate 6-40)</i>
<u>SB 2312</u>	This bill relates to the allocation of revenue from oil and gas production and oil extraction taxes on production and extraction activity on a reservation. <i>(Hearing held 2/6, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 5-0-1, Referred to Appropriations, Hearing held 2/15)</i>
<u>HCR 3017</u>	This bill relates to allowable uses of the common schools trust fund. <i>(Withdrawn)</i>

Early Childhood Education

<u>HB 1104</u>	This bill transfers the responsibility of conducting a quality rating and improvement system for early childhood programs from the Department of Human Services to DPI. <i>(Hearing held 1/8, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 8-4-2, Failed House 26-67)</i>
<u>SB 2250</u>	This bill would require public schools to provide early childhood education services. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Referred to Appropriations, Hearing held 2/11, Do Pass Recommendation 14-0-0, Passed House 45-0)</i>

HR Issues

<u>HB 1509</u>	This bill would provide all private and public employees with paid family medical leave. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 9-3-2, Failed House 17-75)</i>
<u>SB 2217</u>	This bill would require legislative management to consider studying the feasibility and desirability of creating a teacher incentives for leadership in education program. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 45-1)</i>
<u>SB 2337</u>	This bill would require all school districts to adopt and implement a policy providing for random drug testing of all school district employees. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0, Failed Senate 8-37)</i>

Elections/School Board Membership Requirements

<u>HB 1117</u>	This bill relates to publication of legal notices in a newspaper and online. <i>(Passed House 89-1)</i>
<u>HB 1201</u>	This bill modifies the time period in which an elected official may be recalled if the recall election would occur within one year of the next regularly scheduled election in which the official would be reelected. <i>(Hearing held 1/25, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0, Passed House 80-12)</i>
<u>HB 1375</u>	This bill would require candidates for certain elected offices, including school board seats, to indicate a party designation. <i>(Hearing held 2/1, Amended, Do Not Pass Recommendation)</i>
<u>HB 1501</u>	This bill would give the superintendent of public instruction authority to suspend a board member pending the results of a forensic, fiscal, or performance audit upon the filing of a petition to remove by the governor; bill would further authorize governor to suspend elected or appointed official if audit ordered due to financial irregularities or allegations of

	embezzlement and if in best interest of state. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 13-0-1, Passed House 59-34, Emergency Clause Failed)</i>
<u>SB 2230</u>	This bill would require criminal background checks for all candidates for school board elections and would prohibit individuals with any felony conviction and other convictions from running for office of school board member. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1, Passed Senate 32-15)</i> .
<u>SB 2310</u>	This bill would require random drug testing for school board members at least once every 12 months during an individual's term. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0, Failed Senate 3-42)</i>
<u>SB 2311</u>	This bill removes limitations on the recall of elected officials. <i>(Hearing held 1/25, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-0-0, Failed Senate 5-40)</i>
<u>SB 2356</u>	This bill relates to signature discrepancies on absent and mail voters' applications and ballots. <i>(Hearing held 2/8)</i>
Mental & Behavioral Health Issues	
<u>HB 1211</u>	This bill relates to the sentencing of violent offenders. Amended to exclude sections relating to school districts and students convicted of certain crimes. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0)</i>
<u>HB 1249</u>	This bill would increase the amount of required teacher professional development days per year, as well as increase the amount of hours of professional development covering youth behavioral health. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Amended, Do Not Pass Recommendation 10-4-0)</i>
<u>HB 1260</u>	This bill would add "mental injury" to a child to the definition of child abuse or neglect under the mandatory reporting provisions of the CC. <i>(Hearing held 1/16, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Failed House 7-84)</i>
<u>SB 2266</u>	This bill relates to restraint and seclusion requirements and limitations, and reporting requirements of incidents of restraint and seclusion. <i>(Hearing held 2/6, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-2-0)</i>
<u>SB 2330</u>	This bill would require DHS to establish a childhood trauma and violence pilot program to address safety and mental health concerns for children and families experiencing trauma and violence. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1-0, Failed Senate 6-40)</i>
<u>SCR 4004</u>	This bill would call for a study regarding impact of violent, disruptive, and inappropriate behavior within the educational environment perpetrated by students. <i>(Passed Senate)</i>
Licensure/Workforce Shortage	
<u>HB 1253</u>	This bill relates to state licensure after criminal convictions. <i>(Hearing held 1/15)</i>
<u>HB 1287</u>	This bill would require ESPB to grant an initial teaching license to an individual who possess a bachelor's degree, passes a criminal history record check, and successfully completes the American board for certification of teacher excellence alternative teacher certification program. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 13-1-0)</i>
<u>HB 1429</u>	This bill relates to the administrative authority for teacher shortage loan forgiveness program. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation, 12-0-2, Passed House 82-10)</i>
<u>HB 1531</u>	This bill relates to allowing individuals who do not have a teaching license to teach noncore subjects upon meeting certain criteria. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 13-0-1)</i>
<u>SB 2126</u>	This bill would require ESPB to issue a teaching license to a foreign practitioner who is licensed for at least 7 years before submitting an application to ESPB. <i>(Hearing held 1/17)</i>
<u>SB 2127</u>	This bill adds military dependent as defined by section 43-51-11.2(2) as an individual able to engage in profession of teaching without first obtaining a license or approval from ESPB. Also applies to administrative credentials issued by DPI. <i>(Hearing held 1/25)</i>
<u>SB 2171</u>	This bill relates to credentials of teachers of computer and cyber science. <i>(Passed Senate 46-0)</i>
<u>SB 2199</u>	This bill relates to teaching licensing in areas of documented teacher shortages. <i>(Hearing held 2/5, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 1-46)</i>
<u>SB 2316</u>	This bill would allow an individual who does not have a teaching license to teach driver education upon meeting certain criteria. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0)</i>
<u>SB 2353</u>	This bill creates a new chapter in Title 43 of the NDCC which would permit the governor to create a board to regulate a particular occupation or profession. <i>(Hearing held 1/31)</i>
Miscellaneous	

<u>HB 1082</u>	This bill aligns state code with federal regulations implemented by ESSA and relates to policy ABCE. <i>(Passed House 72-16, motion to reconsider failed, Received by Senate, Hearing held 2/4)</i>
<u>HB 1228</u>	This bill would give control of education to each local school district, including content standards, required instruction, instruction time, assessments, attendance, graduation requirements, employment, licensure, student discipline, and safety policies. <i>(Failed House 38-54)</i>
<u>HB 1335</u>	This bill would prohibit a school district from adopting a dress code policy that prohibits the wearing of tribal regalia or other objects of cultural significance at school sponsored activities. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 11-1-2, Passed house 90-2)</i>
<u>HB 1434</u>	This bill relates to the dissolution of school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Amendment adopted, Passed House 73-19)</i>
<u>HB 1464</u>	This bill calls for a study of a school choice program. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 7-5-2, Amendment adopted, Rereferred to Education Committee, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0, Passed House 73-19)</i>
<u>SB 2025</u>	This bill directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to call an annual meeting to review the statewide strategic vision for education. <i>(Passed Senate 46-0)</i>
<u>SB 2142</u>	This bill would establish an education savings account program for use by students receiving instruction from nonpublic schools, private tutoring, online learning or other qualified providers. <i>(Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 3-42)</i>
<u>SB 2148</u>	This bill implements the requirements of Measure 1 relating to restrictions on lobbyists and public officials and the creation of an ethics commission. <i>(Hearing held 1/30, Hearing held 2/6, Hearing scheduled 2/12, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0-1, Hearing Scheduled 2/18)</i>
<u>SB 2166</u>	This bill would increase the liability caps for political subdivisions from \$250,000 to \$1M for single occurrence and from \$1M to \$4M for occurrence involving injury to 3 or more persons. <i>(Hearing held 1/17, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1-0, Passed Senate 24-20, Motion to Reconsider passed, Failed Senate 2-44)</i>
<u>SB 2215</u>	This bill creates a kindergarten through grade twelve education commission to coordinate with schools to support elementary and secondary education in the state. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2216</u>	This bill relates to the authorization of enrollments to the center for distance education by a school superintendent. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2300</u>	This bill provides an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide grants to school districts to meet behavioral health needs. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Appropriations Hearing held 2/11, Do Pass Recommendation 14-0-0, Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2357</u>	This bill permits the Bank of ND to provide loans to federal workers affected by the federal shutdown. <i>(Hearing held 1/24, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 41-4)</i>
<u>HCR 3011</u>	This resolution directs legislative management to consider studying the provisions of the NDCC relating to provision of elementary and secondary education. <i>(Hearing held 1/14, Do Pass Recommendation 14-0-0)</i>
<u>SCR 4007</u>	This resolution would urge Congress and the FDA to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth. <i>(Hearing held 2/6, Do Pass Recommendation 5-0-1)</i>

Hearing Schedule (Feb. 18-Feb. 22)

There are no hearings scheduled next week on any bills NDSBA is tracking; however, we expect a number of hearings to be scheduled during the week of February 25th after crossover.

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2019 Legislative Calendar

Date	Topic
February 22	Crossover date for bills

February 25-26	Recess
March 6	Crossover date for resolutions
April 19	Good Friday (In 2017 the House and Senate were in session on Good Friday.)
April 30	Session is limited to 80 legislative days