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Today marks 25th Legislative Day of the 66th Legislative Assembly, so just 65 more days to go! In light of the significant number of bills and resolutions filed, both chambers have been busy taking action on bills during floor session this past week. Indeed, on a few days this week, the House took action on over 28 bills each day. It is likely that the House will need to keep up with this fast pace in order to meet the Crossover deadline on February 22nd. One bill taken up by the House this week was HB 1483, which would have provided special parking privileges to pregnant women and mothers with a child under the age of one. The bill failed on the House floor by a vote of 19-70. The House also heard HB 1457, which would replace the state's logo in 2020 by opening it up to a state competition with a \$50,000 reward. The current logo was unveiled in October, and was created for about \$10,000 by a Minnesota company. The logo it replaced has been in use since 2002. The bill passed in the House by a vote of 78-14 and now moves to the Senate to be voted on. We expect that both chambers will continue to work at a fevers pace to get through their bill loads.

Key Issues

This past week, a few of the bills that NDSBA has been working on passed through the House. One such bill was **HB 1454**, which seeks to increase the threshold amount that determines whether school districts must go through the bid process before making purchases. The bill would increase the bid threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000. It would also except from the bidding requirements any cooperative purchases not exceeding \$100,000 made pursuant to a joint powers agreement under NDCC chapter 54-40.3. NDSBA worked with the bill sponsor to draft the bill and testified in support of the bill before the House Education Committee. The House passed this bill by a vote of 92-0. **HB 1335** passed the House this week by a vote of 90-2. This bill would prohibit any school district from adopting a dress code policy that would prevent a student from wearing tribal regalia at graduation. Tribal regalia is defined in the bill as an eagle plum or an eagle feather. There are a few school districts in North Dakota that already have this as part of their dress code. Also, South Dakota passed a very similar law a few years ago.

On the Senate side, NDSBA was able to successfully defeat **SB 2166**, but not without a bit of legislative theatrics! **SB 2166** sought to increase the statutory 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. NDSBA, along with several other political subdivision representatives and the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), testified in opposition to the bill as the increases would likely lead to a 50% increase in insurance premiums. The Senate Political Subdivisions Committee issued a Do Not Pass Recommendation by a vote of 5-1. However, the bill passed on the Senate Floor by a vote of 24-20. NDSBA immediately went to work to get the bill reconsidered and a new vote on the Floor. The following day, a motion to reconsider the bill was brought by Senator Bekkedahl (District 1 – Williston) and that motion passed. A re-vote on the bill immediately followed and this time, the bill failed by a vote of 2-44.

For next week, NDSBA will be attending and/or testifying at appropriation hearings on the following bills: **SB 2250** (receipt and distribution of free and reduced lunch grant funds) and **SB 2300** (reading program grant fund and a school Medicaid matching grant fund). You will note the committee meeting schedule (see below) is a short one this week. It is expected that several more primary bills that we are tracking will be schedule for hearings before the House or Senate Appropriations Committees throughout the week next week.

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. (Hearing held 2/7)

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)
<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)
<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)
<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)
<u>SB 2299</u>	This bill provides for the patriotic society's access to students during school hours. (Hearing held 2/6)
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. (Hearing held 1/29)
<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. (Hearing held 1/29)
School Safety	
<u>HB 1162</u>	This bill changes the definition of "infraction" under the criminal code. (Passed House 91-0).
<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. (Hearing held 1/30, Do Pass Recommendation 12-2, Passed House 78-14).
<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. (Hearing held 1/16)
<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. (Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created)
<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. (Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-1, Failed House 19-74)
<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. (Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created)
<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. (Hearing held 1/25, Subcommittee created)
<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). (Hearing held 1/30, additional hearing held 2/4)
<u>SB 2034</u>	This bill creates exceptions to prohibitions of possession of firearms. (Passed by Senate 46-1)
<u>SB 2052</u>	This bill would allow districts to create a safety plan and levy five mills with voter approval. (Passed Senate 43-3, emergency clause carried)

SB 2172	This bill relates the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering. (Passed Senate 46-0)
SB 2181	This bill adds cyberbullying off school premises to the definition of bullying under ND law. (Hearing held 1/30)
SB 2186	This bill requires school districts to post information regarding child abuse and neglect in school buildings. (Hearing held 2/5)
SB 2209	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. (Passed Senate 47-0)
SB 2281	This bill relates to limitations on permissible use of force on a child. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Pass Recommendation 4-2, Passed Senate 27-19)

Technology & Cyber Security

SB 2101	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." (Hearing held 1/7, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0, Passed Senate 44-0)
SB 2110	This bill would require ITD oversee the cyber security strategy of political subdivisions, including school districts. (Hearing held 1/4, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0, Passed Senate 44-0)
SB 2340	This bill relates to the protection of records regarding emergency planning and response and provides an exemption to open records laws. (Hearing held 1/31, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0, Passed Senate 43-1)

Finance & Tax

HB 1066	This bill makes changes to the oil and gas tax distribution formula. (Hearing held 1/15)
HB 1067	Relating to municipal bid requirements and certificates of indebtedness. (Passed House 85-4)
HB 1125	This bill relates to plans for cooperating school districts. (Passed House 88-0).
HB 1152	This bill would reduce the baseline funding level relating to the determination of the amount of state aid payable to each district. (Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Failed House 14-78).
HB 1182	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%. (Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass Recommendation 10-3-1, Failed House 28-61)
HB 1208	This bill establishes a teacher reimbursement program that would reimburse teachers for expenses up to \$200 incurred by the teacher for school supplies. (Failed House 20-72)
HB 1304	This bill relates to bid requirements for public improvements. (Hearing held 1/17, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed House 2-90)
HB 1321	This bill would provide an income tax credit for taxpayers whose children receive nonpublic school or home education. (Hearing held 1/28)
HB 1350	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. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed House 15-77)
HB 1353	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. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation, 14-0-0, Failed House 7-85)
HB 1365	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. (Hearing held 1/22)
HB 1369	This bill relates to the payment of school bus drive physical examinations. (Hearing held 2/7)
HB 1370	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-1-1, Failed house 6-86)
HB 1379	This bill would require political subdivisions to seek voter approval of preliminary budget statements if certain requirements are met. (Hearing held 2/8)
HB 1380	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. (Hearing held 1/28, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 8-6)
HB 1390	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. (Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass recommendation 9-4-1, Failed House 29-60)
HB 1437	This bill relates to city sales tax transfers to school districts for bonded indebtedness. (Hearing held 2/8)

<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)</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 House 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)</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)</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)</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)</i>
<u>SB 2250</u>	This bill would require public schools to provide early childhood education services. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Hearing scheduled 2/11)</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 relates to a teacher incentives for leadership in education program. <i>(Hearing held 1/22)</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 municipal offices to indicate a party designation. <i>(Hearing held 2/1)</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 a school district obligation to prohibit a student from participating in any extracurricular activity if the student has pled guilty or been convicted of certain criminal offenses identified in the bill. <i>(Hearing held 1/21)</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)</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)</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)</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)</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)</i>

SB 2353	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. (Hearing held 1/31)
Miscellaneous	
HB 1082	This bill aligns state code with federal regulations implemented by ESSA and relates to policy ABCE. (Passed House 72-16, motion to reconsider failed, Received by Senate, Hearing held 2/4)
HB 1228	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. (Failed House 38-54)
HB 1335	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. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 11-1-2, Passed house 90-2)
HB 1434	This bill relates to the dissolution of school districts. (Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Amendment adopted, Passed House 73-19)
HB 1464	This bill calls for a study of a school choice program. (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)
SB 2025	This bill directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to call an annual meeting to review the statewide strategic vision for education. (Passed Senate 46-0)
SB 2142	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. (Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 3-42)
SB 2148	This bill implements the requirements of Measure 1 relating to restrictions on lobbyists and public officials and the creation of an ethics commission. (Hearing held 1/30, Hearing held 2/6, Hearing scheduled 2/12)
SB 2166	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. (Hearing held 1/17, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1-0, Passed Senate 24-20, Motion to Reconsider passed, Failed Senate 2-44)
SB 2215	This bill creates a kindergarten through grade twelve education commission to coordinate with schools to support elementary and secondary education in the state. (Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 47-0)
SB 2216	This bill relates to the authorization of enrollments to the center for distance education by a school superintendent. (Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 47-0)
SB 2300	This bill relates to the creation of a reading program grant fund. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Hearing scheduled 2/11)
SB 2357	This bill permits the Bank of ND to provide loans to federal workers affected by the federal shutdown. (Hearing held 1/24, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 41-4)
HCR 3011	This resolution directs legislative management to consider studying the provisions of the NDCC relating to provision of elementary and secondary education. (Hearing held 1/14)
SCR 4007	This resolution would urge Congress and the FDA to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth. (Hearing h 2/6)

Hearing Schedule (Feb. 4-Feb. 8)

****It is expected that many bills not currently scheduled will be schedule for appropriations hearings throughout next week.**

Date	Time	Bill	Committee	Room	Summary
2/11	9 a.m.	SB 2250	Senate Appropriations	Harvest	Receipt and distribution of free and reduced lunch grant funds.
2/12	8:30 a.m.	SB 2300	Senate Appropriations	Harvest	Reading program grant fund and a school Medicaid matching grant fund.

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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 26	Session is limited to 80 legislative days