




# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## Special Legislative Session Report

The Special Session of the North Dakota Legislature is three days in, with the core two subjects of redistricting and ARPA funds advancing through at least one chamber. There have been and will continue to be some long days as leadership continues to set Friday adjournment as the goal and the target. If that happens, this would be a “halftime report” of sorts!

There are three general issues that the special session is meant to address. The first is to adopt a legislative redistricting plan for the next decade utilizing the results of the census. That goal has nearly been met. A redistricting plan has been approved by the House and the Senate and is on its way to the Governor for his signature, which is expected.

The second general area to address is making decisions on how to spend the nearly \$1B ARPA dollars the state has received. The full Senate passed the ARPA bill on Wednesday afternoon, and it currently is being worked on in House Appropriations.

The third area includes a handful of policy bills that were submitted by various legislators covering topics like vaccine mandates, critical race theory, possible tax breaks, and the spending of 10% of the Legacy Fund principle within the state. These bills may very well slow-up the final days of this special session.

## NDBA’s High Priorities to Date

Bill	Status	Title
<u>HB 1504</u>	House: PASSED 73-18 Senate: PASSED 40-7 Sent to Governor	Relating to legislative redistricting and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly; to repeal sections 54-03-01.12 and 54-03-01.13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative districts and staggering of terms of members of the legislative assembly; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1505</u>	House: PASSED 77-13 Senate:	Relating to the federal coronavirus capital projects fund and federal state fiscal recovery fund; to identify department of transportation funding sources; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1506</u>	House: PASSED 77-11 Senate:	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to authorize full-time equivalent positions; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1507</u>	House: PASSED 86-6 Senate:	Relating to the duties of the superintendent of public instruction to report to the legislative management regarding contemplated curriculum in computer science and cybersecurity; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1508</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to provide an effective date.

<u>HB 1509</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to charitable gaming tax; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1510</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to discrimination based on vaccination status or possession of an immunity passport; to amend and reenact section 23-07-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to childhood immunizations; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1511</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to employer-required COVID-19 vaccinations; to amend and reenact section 23-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to limitations on requiring documentation of COVID-19 vaccinations, antibodies, and post-transmission recovery status; to repeal section 23-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 2 of this Act, relating to limitations on requiring documentation of COVID-19 vaccinations, antibodies, and post-transmission recovery status and employer-required COVID-19 vaccinations; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1512</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to the asset allocation plan of the legacy fund; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1513</u>	House: PASSED 85-6 Senate: PASSED 46-1 Sent to Governor	Relating to district party organization; to amend and reenact section 16.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to political party reorganization after redistricting; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1514</u>	House: In Committee Senate:	Relating to a hospital patient's right to try off-label use drugs, a hospital ban on discrimination based on vaccine status, pharmacist fulfillment of off-label drug use prescriptions, and the board of medicine's authority to bring disciplinary actions; and to provide an effective date.
<u>HB 1515</u>	House: PASSED 92-0 Senate:	Relating to an individual income tax credit; to provide an effective date; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.
<u>HB 1516</u>	House: Withdrawn from further consideration	Relating to the marriage penalty credit and an income tax exclusion for social security benefits; and to provide an effective date.
<u>SB 2345</u>	Senate: PASSED 41-6 House: In Committee	Relating to records and cooperative agreements to provide services to juveniles adjudicated in tribal court; to amend and reenact section 27-20.2-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the inspection of juvenile court files; to provide appropriations to various state agencies; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for a report; to provide a limitation; to provide an exemption; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.
<u>SB 2346</u>	Senate: PASSED 44-3 House: PASSED 86-6 Sent to Governor	A BILL for an Act to authorize the department of public instruction to withhold state school aid for information technology project upgrades to the state automated reporting system and the statewide longitudinal data system; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide an effective date.
<u>SB 2347</u>	Senate: PASSED 47-0 House: PASSED 90-2 Sent to Governor	Relating to printing legislative materials; and to provide an effective date.

<a href="#">SB 2348</a>	Senate: PASSED 47-0 House: PASSED 91-1 Sent to Governor	Relating to criminal history record checks; to amend and reenact sections 12-60-24 and 50-06-41.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal history records checks and the behavioral health bed management system; and to provide an effective date.
<a href="#">SB 2349</a>	Senate: PASSED 47-0 House: PASSED 92-0 Sent to Governor	Relating to the use of legislative assembly rooms; and to provide an effective date.
<a href="#">SB 2350</a>	Senate: In Committee House:	Relating to career and technical education scholarship eligibility requirements; and to provide an effective date.
<a href="#">SB 2351</a>	Senate: In Committee House:	Relating to the marriage penalty credit and an income tax exclusion for social security benefits; and to provide an effective date.
<a href="#">HCR 3049</a>	House: PASSED 92-0 Senate:	A concurrent resolution recognizing parents as the chief stakeholders of the future and education of their children.

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### Contact My Legislators

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/contact-my-legislators>



or by leaving a message with the legislative telephone message center at **1-888-NDLEGIS (635-3447)** or **701-328-3373** (local).

Otherwise, a legislator can be reached by mail, telephone or email at the address listed in the legislator's biography, or one of the lists provided below. Individual legislator contact information is listed here:



### Senate

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/miscellaneous/senateroster.pdf?20150106101229>



### House

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/miscellaneous/houseroster.pdf?20150106101310>

Over the course of the session, NDBA may ask you to call your Senator or Representative to talk to them about a particular bill or to ask them to support or oppose a particular bill.

**Legislator contacts from local bankers are extremely important, so, please, if we ask, contact your legislators!**

Also, local legislative forums are great to attend because they inform you about issues beyond banking and let you get to know your legislators at home where they are most responsive to your interests and concerns.

***Don't be a stranger; get to know your representatives in Bismarck!***