

## BUDGET SECTION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE 2013-15 BIENNIUM

This memorandum lists duties and responsibilities assigned to the Budget Section for the 2013-15 biennium by the North Dakota Century Code, Session Laws, or Legislative Council directive. The duties are listed in two categories--continuing duties (duties which were also assigned to the Budget Section during a previous biennium) and new duties. Continuing duties are listed in two categories--those that were acted on during the previous biennium and those that were not.

### CONTINUING DUTIES

#### Continuing Duties Acted on During the Previous Biennium

1. **Status of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (Section 4-05.1-19(10))** - This section requires, within the duties of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, a status report to be presented to the Budget Section.
2. **Higher education campus improvements and building construction (Section 15-10-12.1)** - This section requires the approval of the Budget Section or the Legislative Assembly for the construction of any building financed by donations, gifts, grants, and bequests on land under the control of the State Board of Higher Education. Campus improvements and building maintenance of more than \$385,000 also require the approval of the Budget Section or Legislative Assembly. Budget Section approval can only be provided when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, excluding the six months prior to and the three months following a regular legislative session. The Budget Section approval regarding the construction of buildings and campus improvements must include a specific dollar limit for each building, campus improvement, or maintenance project. If a request is to be considered by the Budget Section, the Legislative Council must notify each member of the Legislative Assembly and allow any member to present testimony to the Budget Section regarding the request. Campus improvements and building maintenance of \$385,000 or less and the sale of real property received by gift or bequest may be authorized by the State Board of Higher Education.
3. **Sources of funds received for construction projects of entities under the State Board of Higher Education (Section 15-10-12.3)** - This section requires each institution under the State Board of Higher Education undertaking a capital construction project that was approved by the Legislative Assembly and for which local funds are to be used to present a biennial report to the Budget Section detailing the source of all funds used in the project.
4. **State Board of Higher Education's project variance reports (Section 15-10-47)** - This section requires the Office of Management and Budget to provide information semiannually to the Budget Section relating to the State Board of Higher Education's project variance reports regarding construction projects valued at more than \$250,000.
5. **Annual audits from center of excellence-awarded funds under Chapter 15-69 (Section 15-69-05, effective through July 31, 2023)** - This section requires that a center of excellence that is awarded funds under Chapter 15-69 provide an annual audit to the Budget Section on the funds distributed to the center until the completion of the Centers of Excellence Commission's postaward monitoring of the center.
6. **Game and Fish Department land acquisitions (Section 20.1-02-05.1)** - This section provides that Budget Section approval is required for Game and Fish Department land acquisitions of more than 10 acres or \$10,000.
7. **Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board semiannual reports (Section 21-10-11)** - This section requires the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board to provide at least semiannual reports to the Budget Section regarding asset allocation and investment policies developed for the legacy and budget stabilization fund as well as recommendations presented to the State Investment Board regarding investment of funds in the legacy and budget stabilization funds.
8. **Approve expenditures from the state disaster relief fund (Section 37-17.1-27)** - This section requires Emergency Commission and Budget Section approval of expenditures from the state disaster relief fund to provide the required state share of funding for expenses associated with presidential-declared disasters in the state.
9. **Annual audits of renaissance fund organizations (Section 40-63-07(9))** - This section requires the Department of Commerce Division of Community Services to provide annual reports to the Budget Section on the results of audits of renaissance fund organizations.

10. **Report identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency (Section 47-30.1-24.1)** - This section requires the Commissioner of University and School Lands to present a report to the Budget Section identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for unclaimed property belonging to that agency within one year of receipt of the certified mail notification.
11. **Relinquishment of agency rights to recover property (Section 47-30.1-24.1)** - This section provides each state agency that does not submit a claim for unclaimed property belonging to that agency within one year of receipt of the certified mail notification relinquishes its right to recover the property upon approval of the Budget Section.
12. **Change or expand state building construction projects (Section 48-01.2-25)** - This section provides that a state agency or institution may not significantly change or expand a building construction project approved by the Legislative Assembly unless the change, expansion, or additional expenditure is approved by the Legislative Assembly or the Budget Section if the Legislative Assembly is not in session. Within six months before or three months after a regular session, Budget Section authorization is limited to changes in project scope and related expenditures resulting from an unforeseen emergency event.
13. **Job insurance trust fund (Section 52-02-17)** - This section requires that Job Service North Dakota report to the Legislative Council before March 1 of each year the actual job insurance trust fund balance and the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier, as of December 31 of the previous year, and a projected trust fund balance for the next three years. The Legislative Management has assigned this responsibility to the Budget Section.
14. **Report on the number of employees receiving bonuses above the 25 percent limitation (Section 54-06-30)** - This section authorizes agencies to pay bonuses to not more than 25 percent of the employees employed by the agency on July 1 of each state fiscal year. Human Resource Management Services may approve the payment of bonuses above the 25 percent limitation but is required to report any exceptions granted under this subsection to the Budget Section (effective August 1, 2009).
15. **Warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than three years (Section 54-11-01)** - This section requires the State Treasurer to report to the Budget Section, within 90 days of the beginning of each fiscal year, all warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than three years.
16. **Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state (Section 54-14-03.1)** - This section requires the Office of the Budget to submit a written report to the Budget Section documenting:
  - a. Any irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state.
  - b. Areas where more uniform and improved fiscal procedures are desirable.
  - c. Any expenditures or governmental activities contrary to law or legislative intent.
  - d. The use of state funds to provide bonuses, cash incentive awards, or temporary salary adjustments for state employees.
17. **Transfers exceeding \$50,000 (Section 54-16-04(2))** - This section provides that, subject to Budget Section approval, the Emergency Commission may authorize a transfer of more than \$50,000 from one fund or line item to another. Budget Section approval is not required if the transfer is necessary to comply with a court order, to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis, or to avoid an imminent financial loss to the state.
18. **Acceptance and expenditure of federal funds of more than \$50,000 which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.1):**
  - a. Acceptance of federal funds - This section requires Budget Section approval for any Emergency Commission action authorizing a state officer to accept more than \$50,000 of federal funds which were not appropriated, and the Legislative Assembly has not indicated intent to reject the money. Budget Section approval is not required if the acceptance is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or to avoid an imminent financial loss to the state.
  - b. Expenditure of federal funds - This section requires Budget Section approval for any Emergency Commission action authorizing a state officer to spend more than \$50,000 of federal funds which were not appropriated, and the Legislative Assembly has not indicated intent to reject the money.
19. **Acceptance of federal funds for a specific purpose or program which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.1(4))** - This section provides that, upon approval by the Emergency Commission and

Budget Section, the state may accept any federal funds made available to the state which are not for a specific purpose or program and which are not required to be spent prior to the next regular legislative session for deposit into a special fund until the Legislative Assembly appropriates the funds.

20. **Acceptance and expenditure of other funds of more than \$50,000 which were not appropriated (Section 54-16-04.2):**
  - a. Acceptance of other funds - This section requires Budget Section approval for any Emergency Commission action authorizing a state officer to accept more than \$50,000 from gifts, grants, donations, or other sources which were not appropriated, and the Legislative Assembly has not indicated intent to reject the money or programs. Budget Section approval is not required if the acceptance is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or to avoid an imminent financial loss to the state.
  - b. Expenditure of other funds - This section requires Budget Section approval for any Emergency Commission action authorizing a state officer to spend more than \$50,000 from gifts, grants, donations, or other sources which were not appropriated, and the Legislative Assembly has not indicated intent to reject the money or programs.
21. **Consider authorization of additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions (Section 54-16-04.3)** - This section provides on the advice of the Office of Management and Budget and the recommendation of the Emergency Commission the Budget Section may approve the employment by a state officer of FTE positions in addition to those authorized by the Legislative Assembly (effective July 1, 2009).
22. **Transfers of spending authority from the state contingencies appropriation exceeding \$50,000 (Section 54-16-09)** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Emergency Commission may authorize a transfer of more than \$50,000 from the state contingencies line item to the appropriate line item in the appropriation of the state officer who requested the transfer. Budget Section approval is not required if the transfer is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or to avoid an imminent financial loss to the state. A total of \$700,000 was provided for the 2013-15 biennium.
23. **Capital improvements preliminary planning revolving fund (Section 54-27-22)** - This section provides before any funds can be distributed from the preliminary planning revolving fund to a state agency, institution, or department, the Budget Section must approve the request (as of June 2013, approximately \$38,000 is available in the fund).
24. **Reports from state agencies that applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more (Section 54-27-27)** - This section requires the Office of Management and Budget to present at each meeting of the Budget Section reports received from state agencies, other than entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, that have applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more (effective July 1, 2011).
25. **Tobacco settlement funds (Section 54-44-04(23))** - This section requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to report to the Budget Section on the status of tobacco settlement funds and related information.
26. **Form of budget data (Section 54-44.1-07)** - This section requires the Director of the Budget to prepare budget data in the form prescribed by the Legislative Council and to present it to the Legislative Assembly at a time and place set by the Legislative Council. Drafts of proposed general and special appropriations Acts embodying the budget data and recommendations of the Governor for appropriations for the next biennium and drafts of such revenues and other Acts recommended by the Governor for putting into effect the proposed financial plan must be submitted to the Legislative Council within seven days after the day of adjournment of the organizational session. The Budget Section was assigned this responsibility.
27. **Report on specified commodities and services exempted from the procurement requirements of Section 54-44.4-02.2** - This section requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to report to the Budget Section in December of even-numbered years on specified commodities and services exempted by written directive of the Director from the procurement requirements of Chapter 54-44.4.
28. **Report from the Information Technology Department (Section 54-59-19)** - This section requires the Information Technology Department to prepare and present an annual report to the Information Technology Committee and to present a summary of the report to the Budget Section.
29. **Annual audits from a center of research excellence (Section 54-65-03)** - This section requires a center of research excellence receiving funds under Chapter 54-65 to provide its annual audit on funds distributed to the center.

30. **Report regarding any transfers between line items and between subdivisions in excess of \$50,000 (2013 House Bill No. 1012, Section 3)** - This section requires the Department of Human Services to report to the Budget Section after June 30, 2014, on any transfers in excess of \$50,000 made during the 2013-15 biennium between line items within each subdivision and between subdivisions (effective July 1, 2013).
31. **State Water Commission expenditure in excess of amounts appropriated from the resources trust fund and the water development trust fund (2013 House Bill No. 1020, Section 4)** - This bill requires Budget Section approval for State Water Commission expenditure of additional amounts that become available in the resources trust fund and the water development trust fund in excess of the 2013-15 appropriation.
32. **Review and report on budget data (Legislative Management directive)** - Pursuant to Legislative Management directive, the Budget Section is to review and report on the budget data prepared by the Director of the Budget and presented to the Legislative Assembly during the organizational session (December 2014).

#### **Continuing Duties Not Acted on During the Previous Biennium**

33. **Investment in real property by the Board of University and School Lands (Section 15-03-04)** - This section provides that Budget Section approval is required prior to the Board of University and School Lands purchasing, as sole owner, commercial or residential real property in North Dakota.
34. **Reduction of the game and fish fund balance below \$15 million (Section 20.1-02-16.1)** - This section provides the Game and Fish Department can spend money in the game and fish fund within the limits of legislative appropriations, only to the extent the balance of the fund is not reduced below \$15 million, unless otherwise authorized by the Budget Section.
35. **Provision of contract services by the Life Skills and Transition Center (Section 25-04-02.2)** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Life Skills and Transition Center may provide services under contract with a governmental or nongovernmental person.
36. **Waiver of exemption of special assessments levied for flood control purposes on state property (Section 40-23-22.1)** - This section provides state property in a city is exempt from special assessments levied for flood control purposes unless the governing body of the city requests waiver of the exemption and the exemption is completely or partially waived by the Budget Section. The exemption does not apply to any privately owned structure, fixture, or improvement located on state-owned land if the structure, fixture, or improvement is used for commercial purposes unless the structure, fixture, or improvement is primarily used for athletic or educational purposes at a state institution of higher education.
37. **Termination of food stamp program (Section 50-06-05.1(17))** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Department of Human Services may terminate the food stamp program if the rate of federal financial participation in administrative costs is decreased or if the state or counties become financially responsible for the coupon bonus payments.
38. **Termination of energy assistance program (Section 50-06-05.1(19))** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Department of Human Services may terminate the energy assistance program if the rate of federal financial participation in administrative costs is decreased or if the state or counties become financially responsible for the energy assistance program payments.
39. **Transfers resulting in program elimination (Section 54-16-04(1))** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Emergency Commission may authorize a transfer which would eliminate or make impossible the accomplishment of a program or objective for which funding was provided by the Legislative Assembly.
40. **New correctional programs which exceed \$100,000 of cost during a biennium (Section 54-23.3-09)** - This section requires the Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report to the Legislative Assembly or, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session, the Budget Section, prior to the implementation of any new program that serves adult or juvenile offenders, including alternatives to conventional incarceration and programs operated on a contract basis, if the program is anticipated to cost in excess of \$100,000 during the biennium.
41. **Cashflow financing (Section 54-27-23)** - This section provides that in order to meet the cashflow needs of the state, the Office of Management and Budget may borrow, subject to Emergency Commission approval, from special funds on deposit in the state treasury. However, the proceeds of any such indebtedness cannot be used to offset projected deficits in state finances unless first approved by the

Budget Section. Additional cashflow financing, subject to certain limitations, must be approved by the Budget Section.

42. **Budget stabilization fund (Section 54-27.2-03)** - This section provides any transfers from the budget stabilization fund must be reported to the Budget Section.
43. **Purchases of "put" options (Section 54-44-16)** - This section requires the Office of Management and Budget to report any purchases of "put" options to the Budget Section.
44. **Objection to budget allotments or expenditures (Section 54-44.1-12.1)** - This section allows the Budget Section to object to a budget allotment, an expenditure, or the failure to make an allotment or expenditure if such action is contrary to legislative intent.
45. **Budget reduction due to initiative or referendum action (Section 54-44.1-13.1)** - This section provides, subject to Budget Section approval, the Director of the Budget may reduce state agency budgets by a percentage sufficient to cover estimated revenue reductions caused by initiative or referendum action.
46. **Children's Services Coordinating Committee grants (Section 54-56-03)** - This section provides Budget Section approval is required prior to the distribution by the Children's Services Coordinating Committee of any grants not specifically authorized by the Legislative Assembly.
47. **Requests by the Information Technology Department to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services (Section 54-59-05(4))** - This section requires the Information Technology Department to receive Budget Section or Legislative Assembly approval before executing any proposed agreement to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services in excess of \$1 million. The department may finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services only to the extent the purchase amount does not exceed 7.5 percent of the amount appropriated to the department during that biennium.
48. **Report on reductions made in homestead property income tax credit (Section 57-38-01.29)** - This section requires the Tax Commissioner to report to the Budget Section, for review, any adjustments in the homestead property income tax credit which was available in taxable years 2007 and 2008.
49. **Consider request to reduce the commercial property income tax credit (Section 57-38-01.30)** - This section provides Budget Section approval is required for any adjustments made by the Tax Commissioner to the commercial property income tax credit which was available in taxable years 2007 and 2008.
50. **Extraterritorial workers' compensation insurance (Section 65-08.1-02)** - This section authorizes Workforce Safety and Insurance to establish, subject to Budget Section approval, a casualty insurance organization to provide extraterritorial workers' compensation insurance.
51. **Federal block grant hearings (2013 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4001)** - This resolution authorizes the Budget Section, through September 30, 2015, to hold any **required** legislative hearings for federal block grants.

### NEW DUTIES

52. **State Board of Higher Education assessments (Section 15-10-54, effective through June 30, 2015)** - This section requires the State Board of Higher Education to obtain approval from the Budget Section before assessing individual institutions for any goods or services provided by or through the North Dakota University System office.
53. **State Fire Marshal report regarding the use of funds received by certified fire departments and districts from the insurance tax distribution fund (Section 18-04-02)** - This section requires the State Fire Marshal to report biennially to the Budget Section regarding expenditures by certified fire departments and districts of funds received from the insurance tax distribution fund and reserve fund balances.
54. **Industrial Commission report regarding the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund (Section 38-08-04.5)** - This section requires the Industrial Commission to report each biennium to the Budget Section regarding the balance of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund and expenditures from the fund.
55. **Housing Finance Agency report regarding the status of housing units for essential service workers (Section 54-17-40, effective through June 30, 2015)** - This section requires the Housing Finance Agency to report quarterly to the Budget Section regarding the progress made to reduce the

- number of housing units owned, master leased, or subsidized by cities, counties, school districts, or other employers of essential service workers.
56. **North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Advisory Board (Section 54-17.8-07)** - This section requires the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Advisory Board to provide a biennial report to the Budget Section.
  57. **Three Affiliated Tribes report regarding the investment of oil and gas tax receipts in infrastructure and fees imposed on the oil industry (Section 57-51.2-02)** - This section requires the Three Affiliated Tribes to report annually to the Budget Section regarding the investment of oil and gas tax receipts in essential infrastructure and fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry.
  58. **Secretary of State report regarding credit card usage rates and fees (2013 House Bill No. 1002, Section 7)** - This section requires the Secretary of State to report to the Budget Section semiannually regarding credit card usage rates and credit card fees paid by the Secretary of State.
  59. **Department of Human Services report on the status of the transitional living facility in the Southeast Human Service Center region (2013 House Bill No. 1012, Section 17)** - This section requires the Department of Human Services report to the Budget Section in December 2014 on the status of the eight-unit transitional living facility in the Southeast Human Service Center region.
  60. **Housing Finance Agency report regarding the use of funds for grants for flood-impacted housing assistance (2013 House Bill No. 1016, Section 4)** - This section requires the Housing Finance Agency report to the Budget Section during the 2013-14 interim regarding the use of funds for grants for flood-impacted housing assistance.
  61. **State Historical Society report regarding the use of funds in the project pool line item (2013 House Bill No. 1018, Section 6)** - This section requires the State Historical Society report to the Budget Section by July 1, 2014, regarding the use of funds in the project pool line item.
  62. **State Water Commission report regarding changes to the commission's priority projects list (2013 House Bill No. 1020, Section 14)** - This section requires the State Water Commission report to the Budget Section every six months during the 2013-14 biennium regarding any changes made to the commission's priority projects list presented to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Assembly for the 2013-14 biennium.
  63. **Purchase or lease of aircraft by a state agency or entity of state government, other than the Adjutant General or the University of North Dakota School of Aviation (2013 House Bill No. 1033, Section 1)** - This section provides, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session, state agencies or other entities of state government, other than the Adjutant General or the University of North Dakota School of Aviation, must seek Budget Section approval to purchase or lease aircraft.
  64. **Department of Transportation replacement airplanes (2013 House Bill No. 1033, Section 5)** - This section requires the Department of Transportation seek Budget Section approval prior to expending more than \$4 million provided for purchase of replacement airplanes for the department's fleet.
  65. **Department of Commerce report on the use of one-time funding for the grant program for nursing homes, basic care facilities, and providers that serve individuals with developmental disabilities in oil-producing counties (2013 House Bill No. 1358, Section 8)** - This section requires the Department of Commerce report to the Budget Section annually on the use of one-time funding during the 2013-15 biennium for the grant program for nursing homes, basic care facilities, and providers that serve individuals with developmental disabilities located in oil-producing counties.
  66. **Department of Human Services report on the use of one-time funding for a critical access hospital grant program in oil-producing counties (2013 House Bill No. 1358, Section 10)** - This section requires the Department of Human Services report to the Budget Section annually on the use of one-time funding during the 2013-15 biennium for the grant program for critical access hospitals in oil-producing counties.
  67. **Attorney General report on the use of one-time funding for grants to law enforcement agencies in oil-impacted counties and for the development of a uniform law enforcement and custody manual (2013 House Bill No. 1358, Section 11)** - This section requires the Attorney General report to the Budget Section annually on the use of one-time funding during the 2013-15 biennium for grants to law enforcement agencies in oil-impacted counties where crime-related activities have increased or in other counties experiencing crime-related activities originating in oil-impacted counties, for crime-related needs of the Attorney General's office, and for the development of a uniform law enforcement and custody manual.
  68. **Report by a representative of a hub city on the use of funding received from the oil and gas gross production tax under Section 57-51-15 (2013 House Bill No. 1358, Section 12)** - This section requires

- a representative of a hub city to report to the Budget Section annually on the use of funding received from allocations from the oil and gas gross production tax under Section 57-51-15.
69. **Department of Veterans' Affairs report regarding services to veterans exposed to Agent Orange (2013 House Bill No. 1405, Section 2)** - This section requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs report to the Budget Section during the 2013-14 interim regarding any funds received to provide services to veterans exposed to Agent Orange, the grants provided, and the outcomes of the services provided.
  70. **State Board of Higher Education report regarding the status of the consolidation of North Dakota University System information technology services (2013 Senate Bill No. 2003, Section 22)** - This section requires the State Board of Higher Education report to the Budget Section annually during the 2013-14 interim regarding the status of the consolidation of North Dakota University System information technology services, including the location of staff members providing those services.
  71. **State Board of Higher Education report on the purchase of the Research Enterprise and Commercialization building before July 1, 2015 (2013 Senate Bill No. 2003, Section 23)** - This section requires the State Board of Higher Education report to the Budget Section if the Research Enterprise and Commercialization building is purchased before July 1, 2015.
  72. **State Board of Higher Education report regarding funds distributed from the capital projects contingency pool (2013 Senate Bill No. 2003, Section 24)** - This section requires the State Board of Higher Education report to the Budget Section periodically during the 2013-14 interim regarding funds distributed from the capital projects contingency pool.
  73. **North Dakota State University report regarding the status of the Minard Hall project (2013 Senate Bill No. 2003, Section 31)** - This section requires North Dakota State University report to the Budget Section regarding the status of the Minard Hall project.
  74. **North Dakota State University Minard Hall project (2013 Senate Bill No. 2003, Section 31)** - This section allows North Dakota State University to obtain approval from the Budget Section for increased spending authorization for the Minard Hall project.
  75. **Department of Transportation new license plate design (2013 Senate Bill No. 2012, Section 8)** - This section requires Budget Section approval of the department's recommendation for a new license plate design prior to the issuance of the new license plates.
  76. **Office of Management and Budget report regarding options for the possible relocation of the Missouri River Correctional Center to a site adjacent to the Youth Correctional Center (2013 Senate Bill No. 2015, Section 4)** - This section requires the Office of Management and Budget report to the Budget Section during the 2013-14 interim regarding options for the possible relocation of the Missouri River Correctional Center to a site adjacent to the Youth Correctional Center.
  77. **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation report on the department's prison population management plan and inmate admissions and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing (2013 Senate Bill No. 2015, Section 6)** - This section requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to report to the Budget Section annually on the department's prison population management plan and inmate admissions and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing.
  78. **Department of Commerce report on the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and Research North Dakota (2013 Senate Bill No. 2018, Section 37)** - This section requires the Department of Commerce to report to the Budget Section before June 1, 2014, on the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and Research North Dakota, including the Research North Dakota venture investment program.
  79. **Department of Career and Technical Education report regarding performance measures of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics program (2013 Senate Bill No. 2019, Section 3)** - This section requires the Department of Career and Technical Education to report to the Budget Section during the 2013-14 interim regarding performance measures of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics program.
  80. **Office of Management and Budget report on the findings and recommendations of its information technology relocation and consolidation study of information technology equipment operated by the Attorney General and other agencies (2013 Senate Bill No. 2021, Section 8)** - This section requires the Office of Management and Budget report to the Budget Section by March 31, 2014, on findings and recommendations related to its information technology relocation and consolidation study of information technology equipment operated by the Attorney General and other agencies.

81. **Information Technology Department report on the findings and recommendations of its study of all state agencies' information technology desktop support (2013 Senate Bill No. 2021, Section 9) -** This section requires the Information Technology Department to report to the Budget Section by January 1, 2014, on findings and recommendations related to its study of all state agencies' information technology desktop support to determine the feasibility and desirability of centralization of desktop support services.
82. **Office of Management and Budget report on the findings, recommendations, and any legislation required to implement the recommendations of the Information Technology Department's desktop support study (2013 Senate Bill No. 2021, Section 9) -** This section requires the Office of Management and Budget report to the Budget Section on findings, recommendations, and any legislation required to implement the recommendations of the Information Technology Department's desktop support study.
83. **Conveyance of North Central Research Extension Center and Williston Research Extension Center property (2013 Senate Bill No. 2352, Section 1) -** This section provides the state may sell, trade, or otherwise convey North Central Research Extension Center and Williston Research Extension Center property, subject to Budget Section approval.

#### **FEDERAL FUNDS**

84. **Federal funds report -** Receive a report from the Legislative Council staff in the fall of 2014 on the status of the state's federal funds receipts for the current biennium and estimated federal funds receipts for the subsequent biennium.