

1. Property Insurance for School Districts -- This issue memorandum would examine issues related to rising property insurance costs for school districts. The memorandum would also explore different policies to expand insurance options or increase market competition, including approaches pursued by other states, such as allowing school districts to be insured in the same manner as state-owned buildings or establishing a separate captive insurance company for school district coverage. (Executive Board)
2. School District Local Effort Analysis -- This issue memorandum would evaluate the current process for setting statewide mill levies for school districts and provide a statistical analysis of local effort levels, including disparities among districts. The memorandum would also examine districts that do not receive state aid, including instances where districts collect revenues outside the funding formula that exceed the "local need" defined in state law. In addition, it will provide a survey of alternative approaches used in other states. (Executive Board)
3. Secure Absentee Ballot Pilot Program -- This issue memorandum would evaluate the implementation of a secure, cryptographically end-to-end verifiable voting system for absentee voting. The memorandum would address security, election technology and equipment, necessary statutory changes, and potential cost associated with establishing the pilot program. (Executive Board)
4. Tax Incidence of Vulnerable Populations -- This issue memorandum would analyze the burden of taxation in this state incurred by individuals with a disability, seniors, and low-income households. The memorandum would also summarize the existing tax relief programs available to these vulnerable populations and the changes to these programs over time.
5. Hyperscale Data Centers and Effects on Public Utilities and Resources -- This issue memorandum would summarize the documented effects and challenges, particularly on water and electricity, of hyperscale data centers in other states and those states' regulatory actions in response. Hyperscale data centers are built mostly to serve artificial intelligence services.
6. Artificial Intelligence Use in Government -- This issue memorandum would detail both how artificial intelligence is currently being used in government settings as well as any action that may be appropriate for its responsible implementation.
7. Expungement and Sealing of Criminal Records -- This issue memorandum would summarize the criminal expungement process in South Dakota as well as sister states and examine the effect of expungement on recidivism, employment, housing, etc.
8. Missouri River Water Pipelines -- This issue memorandum would explore issues related to major regional water projects that pipe, or propose to pipe, Missouri River water to other parts of the state. As large water distribution projects are being developed, particularly to address water supply needs in western South Dakota, this memorandum would outline the logistical and regulatory challenges of these projects.