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Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee to Meet

PIERRE – The Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee will meet for the first time on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Room 362 of the State Capitol in Pierre. The committee's assigned task is to examine the increased need for special education and related services in the schools in the state and how to adequately fund special education in light of the increased need. At the first meeting, staff members of the SD Department of Education will provide the committee with an overview of special education and special education funding. Committee members will also hear from school district representatives on the special education issues they face, and from Michael Houdyshell from the SD Department of Revenue who will explain the role of property taxes in the funding of special education. The meeting is open to the public, and public testimony will be taken in the afternoon.

The Extraordinary Cost Fund for Special Education Interim Study Committee members include Representative Mary Duvall, Chair (R-Pierre); Senator Jim Bolin, Vice Chair, (R-Canton); Representatives Dan Ahlers (D-Dell Rapids), Hugh Bartels (R-Watertown), Lana Greenfield (R-Doland), Tom Holmes (R-Sioux Falls), Elizabeth May (R-Kyle), Kyle Schoenfish (R-Scotland), Jamie Smith (D-Sioux Falls); and Senators Ryan Maher (R-Isabel), Jeff Monroe (R-Pierre), Reynold Nesiba (D-Sioux Falls), and Jordan Youngberg (R-Madison).

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