

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3017
(Representatives Dobervich, Beltz, Dakane, Finley-DeVillie, McLeod, Strinden)
(Senators Hogan, Mathern, K. Roers)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the increasing need for inpatient mental health care for children and whether there are adequate home- and community-based care and outpatient services for the number of children and the location of need.

WHEREAS, to accurately study the need for inpatient mental health care for children it is necessary to have data regarding what mental health services are available in the state for children with mental health treatment needs and where these services are offered; and

WHEREAS, to accurately study the need for inpatient mental health care for children it is necessary to have data regarding how many children in the state are in need of mental health services, how many children are on waiting lists for services or denied services due to lack of service availability, and how many children are being sent outside this state to receive these services due to lack of service availability; and

WHEREAS, to accurately study the need for inpatient mental health care for children it is necessary to have data regarding the cost of providing these services in state and outside this state and how much of this cost is borne by the state and how much is borne by the families; and

WHEREAS, to accurately study the need for inpatient mental health care for children it is necessary to investigate the circumstances under which parents are forced to give up guardianship of children for the children to receive services; and

WHEREAS, there are holistic impacts on children and their families when children are placed outside this state to receive inpatient mental health care; and

WHEREAS, if there is a gap in the need for inpatient mental health care for children and the services available, it is necessary to develop recommendations to address this gap;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management consider studying the increasing need for inpatient mental health care for children and whether there are adequate home- and community-based care and outpatient services for the number of children and the location of need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State