

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4042**

Introduced by

Senators St. Aubyn, Grindberg, Robinson

Representatives R. Kelsch, Kretschmar, Wentz

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of "abuse," and  
2 "neglect," and "exploitation" in the North Dakota Century Code.

3 **WHEREAS**, the terms "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" are not defined consistently  
4 throughout the North Dakota Century Code; and

5 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed by private developmental disability  
6 providers regarding the lack of consistency in the application of the terms to the provider  
7 setting; and

8 **WHEREAS**, use of those terms should be compared to definitions used by other states  
9 and the federal government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a need may exist to establish different grades or levels of severity of each  
11 term;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the use of "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" in the  
15 North Dakota Century Code; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
18 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.