

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3022**

Introduced by

Representative Kretschmar

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article VIII of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota, relating to free public education; to repeal sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of article VIII  
3 of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the establishment and maintenance of a system  
4 of free public schools, the branches of knowledge to be taught in those schools, and to the  
5 support of those schools; and to provide an effective date.

6 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

7 This amendment creates a new section to article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota  
8 relating to the duties of the legislative assembly with respect to a system of free public  
9 education. The amendment also repeals sections 1 2, 3, 4, and 5 of article VIII of the  
10 Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the legislative duties to provide for a system of free  
11 public schools, the branches of knowledge to be taught in those schools, and to the support of  
12 schools, and provides that these changes will take effect August 1, 1999.

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

15 That the following proposed creation of a new section to article VIII and the repeal of  
16 sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and  
17 must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the primary election to be held in  
18 1998, in accordance with section 16 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

19 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article VIII of the Constitution North Dakota is created  
20 and enacted as follows:

21 The legislative assembly shall provide for a uniform system of free public education.  
22 The legislative assembly shall take other steps necessary to prevent illiteracy and to provide for  
23 special education and vocational education. Schools and institutions so established must be  
24 free from sectarian control. No money raised for the support of public schools of the state may  
25 be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

1           **SECTION 2. REPEAL.** Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of article VIII of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota are repealed.

3           **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the electors, this measure becomes  
4 effective on August 1, 1999.