

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3047

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the current standards for the
2 accreditation of elementary and secondary schools in this state, the method by which
3 accreditation standards are adopted, the fiscal impact of accreditation standards, and the
4 feasibility and desirability of waiving standards if student performance levels exceed a
5 designated score.

6 **WHEREAS**, the current standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary
7 schools in this state were issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1991; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in order to comply with certain provisions of the current standards for the
9 accreditation of elementary and secondary schools in this state, school boards are often faced
10 with having to expend funds that could be put to greater benefit for other purposes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the expenditure requirements directly or indirectly imposed by certain
12 provisions of the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary
13 schools prevent school boards from setting priorities and accomplishing the goals deemed
14 important to their school districts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and
16 secondary schools do not include any mechanisms for measuring the effect of the standards on
17 academic achievement or performance; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and
19 secondary schools have not been revised since 1991;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study the current standards for the accreditation of
23 elementary and secondary schools in this state, the method by which accreditation standards
24 are adopted, the fiscal impact of accreditation standards, and the feasibility and desirability of
25 waiving standards if student performance levels exceed a designated score; and

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