

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3047
(Representatives Torgerson, Drovdal, R. Kelsch)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth 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 _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State