

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4054
(Senators DeMers, Fischer, Thane, Yockim)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether the Department of Human Services should reimburse qualified service providers who provide assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, an assistive technology device is any item or system used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities to perform tasks such as communicating, speaking, seeing, hearing, maneuvering, moving, walking, standing, reaching, grasping, working, sleeping, learning, or caring for themselves; and

WHEREAS, an assistive technology service is any service that directly assists individuals with disabilities in selecting or using assistive technology devices and includes evaluating the needs of individuals with disabilities; coordinating and employing other therapies or services with assistive technology devices; and training or technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, a qualified service provider is a county agency or an independent contractor who agrees to meet standards for service and operations established by the Department of Human Services;

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

That the Legislative Council study whether the Department of Human Services should reimburse qualified service providers who provide assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities; 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State