

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020

Introduced by

Senators Nalewaja, Krauter, W. Stenehjem

Representatives Carlisle, Kretschmar, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study and develop a long-term plan
2 for the investigatory and penological support mechanisms of the criminal justice system.

3 **WHEREAS**, cooperation is needed among fire arson investigators, sheriffs, police
4 officers, state's attorneys, the bureau of criminal investigation, the state fire marshal, the
5 department of corrections and rehabilitation, the state crime laboratory, the state forensic
6 examiner, and the state toxicologist for adequate investigation of crimes, proper evidence
7 handling, and efficient case tracking and management; and

8 **WHEREAS**, new technology provides more evidence, requires new equipment, and
9 necessitates skilled personnel to operate the equipment; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the state forensic examiner needs to be supported by a coroner system
11 that is effective, coordinated, and fiscally sound to adequately investigate deaths; and

12 **WHEREAS**, sheriffs and the department of corrections and rehabilitation need to
13 develop a long-range plan for the management of inmates;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study and develop a long-term plan for the investigatory
17 and penological support mechanisms of the criminal justice system; and

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