

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. 4047
(Senators Holmberg, Freborg, O'Connell, Wanzek)
(Representative R. Kelsch)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the short-term and long-term impact of federal education legislation, and other direct and indirect mandates from whatever sources, on the educational goals and fiscal well-being of school districts.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of North Dakota provides that the Legislative Assembly shall provide for "the establishment and maintenance of a system of public schools which shall be open to all children of the state"; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of North Dakota provides that the Legislative Assembly shall take "steps as may be necessary to prevent illiteracy, secure a reasonable degree of uniformity in course of study, and to promote industrial, scientific, and agricultural improvements"; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of federal legislation such as the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Safe Schools Act, the Refugee Assistance Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, among others, together with the development of state accreditation standards, has significantly impacted the ability of local school districts to determine a course of education and to deliver a course of education to their students;

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

That the Legislative Council study the short-term and long-term impact of federal education legislation, and other direct and indirect mandates from whatever sources, on the educational goals and fiscal well-being of school districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council appoint a committee having broad-based representation among urban and rural and small, medium, and large school districts to pursue this study; 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