

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3078

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, Brandenburg, D. Johnson, R. Kelsch

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the equitable delivery of
2 education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and
3 disbursing state funding for education.

4 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long-valued their local systems of elementary
5 and secondary education; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long-valued the unique features and specific
7 strengths of all their school districts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, although some school districts have experienced recent population gains,
9 many others are burdened with rapidly declining student populations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the state has a constitutional duty to provide a uniform system of free
11 public education to all students in the state; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a uniform system of free public education must be an equitable system of
13 free public education in terms of both educational opportunity for students and fairness to
14 taxpayers; and

15 **WHEREAS**, concerns about equity in education are elevated because of the increased
16 demand for state financial support for school districts; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the need for increases in state financial support for education elevates
18 concerns about the manner in which the foundation aid formula is applied and the accuracy of
19 calculations involving state foundation aid payments to school districts;

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 equitable delivery of education services to
23 students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for
24 education; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.