

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4039
(Senators Lindaas, W. Stenehjem, Tomac)
(Representatives Aarsvold, Maragos, Wald)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods by which qualified out-of-state students can be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and encouraged to enroll in postsecondary programs.

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state have long valued their access to quality and affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state have long valued the unique features and specific strengths of each public institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the public institutions of higher education in this state have experienced steady student enrollments during the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state has decreased by 4,700 during the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state is expected to decrease by another 2,000 during each of the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the decreasing number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state will have an economic impact on the institutions of higher education unless actions are taken to counteract the declining numbers; and

WHEREAS, while this state is contending with decreasing enrollments at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels, other states are contending with dramatically increasing enrollments at all three levels; and

WHEREAS, each public institution of higher education has a minimum number of students required for its efficient utilization; and

WHEREAS, many out-of-state students remain in this state after they graduate; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the public institutions of higher education in this state if they encouraged qualified students from out of state to enroll in programs currently operated at less than maximum or optimal capacity; and

WHEREAS, additional out-of-state students will generate positive economic effects for this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study methods by which qualified out-of-state students can be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and encouraged to enroll in postsecondary programs; 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-seventh 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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State