

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of implementing a retirement program for all law enforcement and correctional officers within
3 the state of North Dakota which provides retirement benefits similar to those provided to the
4 members of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century
5 Code Chapter 39-03.1.

6 **WHEREAS**, recruiting and retaining quality law enforcement and correctional officers
7 within the state of North Dakota is integral to maintaining the safety and quality of life of all
8 North Dakota residents; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the nature of the work performed by law enforcement and correctional
10 officers takes a physical toll on those officers which exceeds that experienced by workers in the
11 vast majority of occupations and necessitates that law enforcement and correctional officers
12 leave their employment at a younger age than from most occupations; and

13 **WHEREAS**, other than for members of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system, a
14 retirement program does not exist that is uniform across the state which allows law
15 enforcement and correctional officers to retire at an age at which they might enjoy their
16 retirement prior to experiencing the physical effects of their work as law enforcement and
17 correctional officers;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a
21 retirement program for all law enforcement and correctional officers within the state of North
22 Dakota that provides retirement benefits similar to those provided to the members of the
23 Highway Patrolmen's retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter
24 39-03.1; 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-eighth Legislative Assembly.