

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the commitment procedures
2 contained in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1 and the commitment laws from other
3 states to determine if North Dakota law sufficiently addresses the treatment needs of controlled
4 substance abusers in this state, to study the mandatory minimum sentence requirements of
5 North Dakota Century Code Chapter 19-03.1 and the mandatory minimum sentencing laws
6 from other states and the federal government relating to drug offenders, and to study the need
7 for legislation to assist in the cooperative efforts of state, local, and federal agencies to combat
8 unlawful drug use and abuse in this state.

9 **WHEREAS**, concerns exist with the escalation of methamphetamine and other
10 controlled substance use and the adequacy of the commitment laws to deal with this problem;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, questions exist regarding the effectiveness of the mandatory minimum
13 sentencing requirements for controlled substance violations and whether amendments to those
14 laws would assist in combating illegal drug trafficking and usage in this state; and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is vitally important that the issues relating to unlawful drug trafficking and
16 usage in this state be addressed by a cooperative effort among state and local agencies,
17 private businesses, schools, families, and all other groups and individuals dedicated to the
18 reduction and the elimination of unlawful drug use in this state;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the commitment procedures of North Dakota Century
22 Code Chapter 25-03.1 and the commitment laws from other states to determine if North Dakota
23 law sufficiently addresses the treatment needs of controlled substance abusers in this state,
24 study the mandatory minimum sentence requirements of North Dakota Century Code
25 Chapter 19-03.1 and the mandatory minimum sentencing laws from other states and the federal

- 1 government relating to drug offenders, and study the need for legislation to assist in the
- 2 cooperative efforts of state, local, and federal agencies to combat unlawful drug use and abuse
- 3 in this state; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 6 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.