

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3003
(Legislative Council)
(Family Law Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state and local funding obligations for social services, including child support enforcement services.

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill No. 1041, the "swap" legislation, which exchanged state and county administrative and funding responsibilities for economic assistance programs effective January 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of county human service administration was one of the goals of the "swap" legislation and a review of whether that goal has been fully accomplished is necessary; and

WHEREAS, counties with Indian reservations and counties neighboring those counties are finding it increasingly difficult to fund social services, due in part to limited taxable property and increased social service needs; and

WHEREAS, there is a perceived inequity in requiring counties to fund social service programs such as child support enforcement services when there is limited county control over the program;

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

That the Legislative Council study state and local funding obligations for social services, including child support enforcement services; 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-ninth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State