

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senator Dever

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study ways in which schools and
2 school districts can better identify high-risk students and provide programs designed to reduce
3 the incidences of high-risk behaviors that can lead to suicide attempts.

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, 15 males between the ages of 10 and 19 committed suicide in
5 North Dakota; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in a 2005 survey, 15 percent of North Dakota high school students and
7 14 percent of North Dakota seventh and eighth grade students reported that they had
8 considered suicide; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the 2005 survey, 12 percent of North Dakota high school students and
10 8 percent of North Dakota seventh and eighth grade students reported that they had planned a
11 suicide; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in the 2005 survey, 6 percent of North Dakota high school students and
13 5 percent of North Dakota seventh and eighth grade students reported that they had attempted
14 suicide;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study ways in which schools and school districts can train
18 teachers, counselors, and all other school staff to better identify high-risk students and ways in
19 which schools and school districts can plan and provide programs designed to reduce the
20 incidences of high-risk behaviors that can lead to suicide attempts; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
22 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
23 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.