

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study professional development
2 opportunities for teachers and the most effective and efficient methods of providing professional
3 development opportunities.

4 **WHEREAS**, standards and accountability in education require high-quality teachers;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the rapid development and incorporation of new technologies require
7 high-quality teachers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the increasing heterogeneity of American students and the challenges that
9 many students bring into the classroom require high-quality teachers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to meet the goals of kindergarten through grade 12 education, today's
11 teachers must be superior academicians and pedagogues and also be flexible, adaptable,
12 efficient, and creative; and

13 **WHEREAS**, today's teachers need professional development opportunities in which
14 teachers can be exposed to new perspectives, learn new skills, and develop new ways of
15 collegial collaboration; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the need to stay abreast of the changes in teaching takes time, resources,
17 and commitment;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study professional development opportunities for teachers
21 and the most effective and efficient methods of providing professional development
22 opportunities; and

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