

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4042  
(Senators St. Aubyn, Grindberg, Robinson)  
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Kretschmar, Wentz)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of "abuse," and "neglect," and "exploitation" in the North Dakota Century Code.

**WHEREAS**, the terms "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" are not defined consistently throughout the North Dakota Century Code; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed by private developmental disability providers regarding the lack of consistency in the application of the terms to the provider setting; and

**WHEREAS**, use of those terms should be compared to definitions used by other states and the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, a need may exist to establish different grades or levels of severity of each term;

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

That the Legislative Council study the use of "abuse," "neglect," and "exploitation" in the North Dakota Century Code; 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-sixth Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
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Secretary of State