

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040

Introduced by

Representatives Christenson, Grande

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the truancy laws of this state
2 and whether there are sufficient options and alternatives available to schools and school
3 districts that have high incidences of truancy.

4 **WHEREAS**, truant students often fail to understand how the educational system meets
5 their needs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, truant students often fail to recognize that schools provide general
7 education skills, vocational and life skills, and social skills, all of which are need to lead healthy,
8 economically viable, and socially fulfilled lives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, truant students often fail to recognize that truancy may be a precursor to an
10 early and permanent departure from high school; and

11 **WHEREAS**, there are more than 3.8 million 16- to 24-year-old high school dropouts in
12 the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each child of school age
14 attend school and be an active participant in the acquisition of an education;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the truancy laws of this state and whether there are
18 sufficient options and alternatives available to schools and school districts that have high
19 incidences of truancy; and

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