

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040
(Representatives Christenson, Grande)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State