

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4039  
(Senators Lindaas, W. Stenehjem, Tomac)  
(Representatives Aarsvold, Maragos, Wald)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods by which qualified out-of-state students can be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and encouraged to enroll in postsecondary programs.

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long valued their access to quality and affordable higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long valued the unique features and specific strengths of each public institution of higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the public institutions of higher education in this state have experienced steady student enrollments during the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state has decreased by 4,700 during the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state is expected to decrease by another 2,000 during each of the next 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the decreasing number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state will have an economic impact on the institutions of higher education unless actions are taken to counteract the declining numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, while this state is contending with decreasing enrollments at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels, other states are contending with dramatically increasing enrollments at all three levels; and

**WHEREAS**, each public institution of higher education has a minimum number of students required for its efficient utilization; and

**WHEREAS**, many out-of-state students remain in this state after they graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the public institutions of higher education in this state if they encouraged qualified students from out of state to enroll in programs currently operated at less than maximum or optimal capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, additional out-of-state students will generate positive economic effects for this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study methods by which qualified out-of-state students can be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and encouraged to enroll in postsecondary programs; 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-seventh 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State