

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4042**

Introduced by

Senators G. Nelson, Freborg

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability  
2 of developing and implementing statewide academic standards for and assessments of  
3 elementary and high school students and a system of accountability at the school and school  
4 district level.

5 **WHEREAS**, research has shown that a majority of American citizens support setting  
6 and enforcing consistent academic standards that prompt students from all socioeconomic  
7 backgrounds to achieve at higher levels; and

8 **WHEREAS**, states are using a myriad of strategies to develop and implement academic  
9 standards; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to be effective academic standards must be accompanied by assessments  
11 that measure students' progress toward attaining the standards; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has developed various voluntary  
13 academic standards, and a legislative study should be conducted before further development of  
14 academic standards;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of developing and  
18 implementing statewide academic standards for and assessments of elementary and high  
19 school students and a system of accountability at the school and school district level; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.