Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3045

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability 2 of establishing an at-home infant child care program. 3 WHEREAS, as the number of dual-income families continues to rise, the number of 4 stay-at-home parents decreases and it becomes more difficult to find quality day care for their 5 children; and 6 WHEREAS, a stay-at-home parent is on duty an average of 12 hours a day, seven days 7 a week, and provides a service with a market value of approximately \$36,000 annually; and 8 WHEREAS, in 1997 Minnesota enacted a law that would give low-income families about 9 75 percent of the money they would have received in state-subsidized child care; and 10 WHEREAS, proponents of the Minnesota law contend that paying parents to care for 11 their children at home instead of sending them to day care opens up some much-needed child 12 care slots; and 13 WHEREAS, a similar program in North Dakota may help alleviate some of the state's 14 day care shortage problems; 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 feasibility and desirability of establishing an 18 at-home infant child care program; and 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and 20 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to 21 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.