

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3068
(Representatives Hawken, R. Kelsch, S. Kelsh)
(Senators Kelsh, D. Mathern)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of creating a tiered early childhood facility licensure system that requires licensure of facilities not required to be licensed under the current system.

WHEREAS, the state requires licensure of certain early childhood facilities, offers voluntary licensure of early childhood facilities not required to be licensed, offers voluntary registration for in-home providers of early childhood services, offers voluntary carecheck registry for all early childhood facilities, and offers voluntary standard compliance certification for early childhood facilities that are not required to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, the early childhood services licensure, certification, and registration laws and rules are not easily understood by parents and early childhood services providers; and

WHEREAS, the fact that an early childhood facility is certified gives parents the illusion that the facility is being monitored by a licensing agency; and

WHEREAS, all children receiving early childhood service from nonrelative providers deserve to receive these services from providers that have annual training, background checks, and first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification to help ensure a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, certified early childhood facilities may be eligible to access monetary benefits under certain state and federal programs;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating a tiered early childhood facility licensure system that requires licensure of facilities not required to be licensed under the current system; 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-eighth 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 _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State