

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4009

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study school district and library  
2 funding sources to determine if a method can be found to provide an incentive to reduce school  
3 district and library property tax levies.

4 **WHEREAS**, property taxes levied by school districts and libraries constitute a majority  
5 of all property taxes levied in the state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, school districts and libraries that reduce property tax levies receive a  
7 reduction in foundation aid allocations and reduced property tax levy authority in future years  
8 under current law; and

9 **WHEREAS**, school district and library funding sources should be examined to  
10 determine whether there are methods available to encourage reduction of property tax levies by  
11 school districts and libraries; and

12 **WHEREAS**, foundation aid allocations may encourage school districts and libraries to  
13 determine the maximum property tax levy that may be imposed and build a budget around that  
14 amount to avoid loss of state funding;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study school district and library funding sources to  
18 determine if a method can be found which would provide an incentive to reduce school district  
19 property tax levies; 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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.