

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054

Introduced by

Representatives Wrangham, Charging

Senator J. Lee

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state programs providing
2 services to children with special health care needs to determine whether the programs are
3 effective in meeting these special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's
4 system for providing services to children with special health care needs, and whether there are
5 significant unmet special health care needs of children which should be addressed.

6 **WHEREAS**, there is a significant number of North Dakota children who have or are at
7 risk of getting chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that require
8 special health care needs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in an attempt to address child special health care needs, North Dakota has
10 adopted Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which provides early
11 intervention services for children from birth until age 3 and has adopted Part B, which provides
12 ongoing early intervention services for children from age 3 to school; and

13 **WHEREAS**, although early intervention services offered under IDEA include case
14 management and Medicaid, the qualifying requirements for these programs become more
15 stringent under Part B, resulting in the eligibility disqualification of children during the transition
16 from Part C to Part B; and

17 **WHEREAS**, 31 percent of the North Dakota children with special health care needs
18 have inadequate health insurance; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the families of 24 percent of the North Dakota children with special health
20 care needs experience significant financial problems due to a child's health care needs;

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

23 That the Legislative Council study state programs providing services to children with
24 special health care needs to determine whether the programs are effective in meeting these
25 special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's system for providing services to

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- 1 children with special health care needs, and whether there are significant unmet special health
- 2 care needs of children which should be addressed; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.