

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4028

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing a paternity registry.

3 **WHEREAS**, adoption is the process by which a legal parent-child relationship is created
4 between individuals who are not biologically parent and child; and

5 **WHEREAS**, to ensure placement of children in need of homes with families, it is
6 important that the adoption process supports the needs of all individuals involved and that the
7 process is as fair, efficient, and cost-effective as possible; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a paternity registry gives unwed putative fathers a way to protect their
9 interests in preserving a parent-child relationship when that child is or may be placed for
10 adoption; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a paternity registry provides a way to promote stability in adoptive
12 placements by ensuring that a child's adoptive placement is not disrupted by a putative father
13 initiating late or untimely legal proceedings;

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

16 That the Legislative Council be directed to study the feasibility and desirability of
17 establishing a paternity registry; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
20 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.