

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4030  
(Senator Heckaman)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study joint powers associations and school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions.

**WHEREAS**, there are 95,600 students enrolled in public elementary and high schools in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, this state has 156 high school districts, 34 elementary school districts, 5 one-room rural school districts, and 3 nonoperating school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing decline in the number of students will likely be paralleled by a continuing decline in the number of school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, under current law, a school district that is no longer self-sustaining has available the statutory options of reorganization with one or more contiguous districts or dissolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory requirements for school district reorganizations and dissolutions need to be periodically examined to determine their appropriateness and continued relevancy given the numerous changes in the educational sector;

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

That the Legislative Council study joint powers associations and school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions; the statutory requirements for effectuating each outcome, including the role of county superintendents and county committees; the impact of each on students, parents, teachers, taxpayers, and communities; and the continued relevancy of the processes in light of numerous changes in the educational sector; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007,  
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Secretary of State