

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Tribal and State Relations Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study Indian education issues,
2 including a fair and equitable allocation of all state and federal educational funding.

3 **WHEREAS**, the rate of population growth on the state's Indian reservations is one of the
4 highest growth rates in the state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 10,650 Indian students attending schools in the state;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Indian students generally rank lower by percentage of students at or above the
8 proficient level on the national assessment of educational progress in mathematics, reading,
9 and science; and

10 **WHEREAS**, many schools that are consistently low-performing schools and do not make
11 average yearly progress serve large populations of Indian students; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable to determine what makes a successful school and what makes a
13 successful student; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a larger percentage of Indian youth remain in the state upon graduation than
15 do other youths; and

16 **WHEREAS**, a quality education is essential for Indian youth to develop personal and family
17 self-sufficiency, to develop fully their talents and contribute to the general welfare of the state of
18 North Dakota, and to prevent social problems and lessen the need for correction services; and

19 **WHEREAS**, many schools in Indian country are challenged by school finance issues;

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

22 That the Legislative Management study Indian education issues, including a fair and
23 equitable allocation of all state and federal educational funding; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management assign this study to an
25 interim Education Committee or other similar interim committee for study; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.