

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015
(Senators Grindberg, Holmberg, O'Connell)
(Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Meier)

A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Career and Technical Education to identify programs and initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and identify opportunities for coordinated public and private sector participation.

WHEREAS, scientific and technological innovations are the catalyzing agents in the creation of new industries, the spawning of job growth, and ultimately the improvement of lives; and

WHEREAS, scientific and technological innovations are dependent upon individuals possessing the knowledge, skills, creativity, and foresight to forge new paths; and

WHEREAS, business and government leaders, elementary and secondary teachers, and higher education faculty members and administrators are increasingly aware of workforce shortages and skill gaps in the innovative fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, in order to address such shortages and ensure our long-term competitiveness and prosperity as a state, it is incumbent upon us to promote a collective commitment to excellence in education and the development of talent in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, in order to identify and develop the next generation of innovators in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, there must be a coordinated, proactive, and sustained pursuit of intellectual curiosity and engagement; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that multiple public and private sector interests are addressing responsibilities and opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in an efficient, effective, coherent, and nonduplicative manner, it is appropriate to call for a state-level organized and consolidated approach;

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

That the Department of Career and Technical Education utilize its staff and contacts throughout the state to serve public and private sector participants by identifying meritorious programs and initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, identifying opportunities for integrated activities and increased access, encouraging sustainable partnerships, and recommending policies and approaches to ensure that the state's resources and assets are utilized sagaciously; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the director of the Department of Career and Technical Education and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State