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Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Conference Committee Amendments ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4011

Introduced by

Senators Cook, Poolman, Schaible

Representatives Meier, Nathe, Toman

2	Department of Education and to clarify the department's relationship with the states.
3	WHEREAS, while Section VIII of Article I of the United States Constitution sets forth the
4	enumerated powers given to Congress, the power to control or direct the education of this
5	nation's children is not included therein; and
6	WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that any powers
7	not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are
8	reserved to the states respectively, or to the people; and
9	WHEREAS, neither the words "education" nor "school" nor any of their derivatives are
10	found in the United States Constitution; and
11	WHEREAS, education is indisputably a pillar of a free society, it is incumbent upon the
12	federal government to recognize that the states are constitutionally responsible for the provision
13	of education and it is incumbent upon the states to recognize that the challenges of the 21st
14	Century are not local, regional, or even national, but global in scope and therefore require that
15	states and the United States Department of Education work in concert with each other to ensure
16	that children from every state in the union and all walks of life have access to a world class
17	curriculum, taught by world class teachers, in a safe and secure environment that allows them
18	to challenge their imaginations, to explore the world of knowledge, and to reach higher and
19	farther than they or their parents ever dreamed possible;
20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE
21	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
22	That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
23	redefine the role and mission of the United States Department of Education so that it will
24	function as a collaborating partner with the states in order to harness the maximum fiscal
25	resources and to ensure that those resources are used effectively and efficiently at the state

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to redefine the role and mission of the United States

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- 1 and local levels for the provision of educational services and opportunities to all children, as
- 2 envisioned by the founding fathers, as supported by the residents of this and the other states,
- 3 and as required by circumstances so that this great country is once again and unequivocally the
- 4 global leader in educational achievement; and
- 5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 6 to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of
- 7 Education, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.