

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022**

Introduced by

Representatives Davis, Dakane, Dobervich, Fegley, Finley-DeVillie, Henderson, Holle,  
Nelson, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Mathern, Weston

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying and clarifying  
2 the roles of the State Board of Public School Education, the Superintendent of Public  
3 Instruction, the boards of public school districts, and the North Dakota High School Activities  
4 Association, as they relate to proper spectator conduct, including the clarification of  
5 expectations and consequences for violating those expectations, and the promotion of good  
6 sportsmanship and good citizenship, including embracing diversity.

7 **WHEREAS**, unsportsmanlike conduct at high school activities includes racial discrimination  
8 and harassment directed at players by spectators, including behavior among rival spectator  
9 groups which can escalate into disruptions and violence in the stands; and

10 **WHEREAS**, countless instances of racial harassment and race-based name calling during  
11 high school sporting events have occurred, and continue to occur, whether subtle or flagrant;  
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13 **WHEREAS**, recently, student spectators from a North Dakota high school verbally taunted  
14 and physically mocked student athletes from a tribal high school located in North Dakota; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2023, student spectators from a North Dakota high school  
16 taunted a student athlete of color from another North Dakota high school by imitating monkey  
17 sounds and directing racial slurs at the player during a basketball game; and

18 **WHEREAS**, public outcry and media coverage is prevalent, yet consequences for  
19 harassment are unclear; and

20 **WHEREAS**, student athletes of color deserve protection from discriminatory and racist  
21 behaviors; and

22 **WHEREAS**, student spectators engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, including racist  
23 conduct, and the schools those students represent deserve to be held accountable for  
24 inappropriate behavior;

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

3       That the Legislative Management consider studying and clarifying the roles of the State  
4 Board of Public School Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the boards of public  
5 school districts, and the North Dakota High School Activities Association, as they relate to  
6 proper spectator conduct, including the clarification of expectations and consequences for  
7 violating those expectations, and the promotion of good sportsmanship and good citizenship,  
8 including embracing diversity; and

9       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
10 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
11 the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.