

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3001  
(Legislative Council)  
(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the expansion of psychiatric and geropsychiatric training for primary care physicians at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota's rural counties have generally maintained federal health professional shortage area designation for psychiatric services; and

**WHEREAS**, recent national studies indicate that a significant portion of mental health care for residents of rural areas may be rendered by primary care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health services in rural areas are far less accessible than is considered desirable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to enhance the knowledge of networking and consulting opportunities, as well as to support the enhancement of service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to enhance the mental health service capacity of primary care providers, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in the rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is the only physician training facility in the state of North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Council study the expansion of psychiatric and geropsychiatric training for primary care physicians at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences; 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 Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
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Secretary of State