

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4039

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods by which qualified
2 out-of-state students can be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and
3 encouraged to enroll in postsecondary programs.

4 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long valued their access to quality and
5 affordable higher education; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state have long valued the unique features and specific
7 strengths of each public institution of higher education; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the public institutions of higher education in this state have experienced
9 steady student enrollments during the past decade; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state has decreased
11 by 4,700 during the past five years; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state is expected to
13 decrease by another 2,000 during each of the next 10 years; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the decreasing number of students in grades 1 through 12 in this state will
15 have an economic impact on the institutions of higher education unless actions are taken to
16 counteract the declining numbers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, while this state is contending with decreasing enrollments at the
18 elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels, other states are contending with dramatically
19 increasing enrollments at all three levels; and

20 **WHEREAS**, each public institution of higher education has a minimum number of
21 students required for its efficient utilization; and

22 **WHEREAS**, many out-of-state students remain in this state after they graduate; and

23 **WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the public institutions of higher education
24 in this state if they encouraged qualified students from out of state to enroll in programs
25 currently operated at less than maximum or optimal capacity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, additional out-of-state students will generate positive economic effects for
2 this state;

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

5 That the Legislative Council study methods by which qualified out-of-state students can
6 be recruited by public institutions of higher education in this state and encouraged to enroll in
7 postsecondary programs; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
9 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
10 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.