

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. 3078
(Representatives Monson, Brandenburg, D. Johnson, R. Kelsch)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education.

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state have long-valued their local systems of elementary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state have long-valued the unique features and specific strengths of all their school districts; and

WHEREAS, although some school districts have experienced recent population gains, many others are burdened with rapidly declining student populations; and

WHEREAS, the state has a constitutional duty to provide a uniform system of free public education to all students in the state; and

WHEREAS, a uniform system of free public education must be an equitable system of free public education in terms of both educational opportunity for students and fairness to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, concerns about equity in education are elevated because of the increased demand for state financial support for school districts; and

WHEREAS, the need for increases in state financial support for education elevates concerns about the manner in which the foundation aid formula is applied and the accuracy of calculations involving state foundation aid payments to school districts;

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

That the Legislative Council study the equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education; 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.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State