

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037

Introduced by

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Representatives Huether, Wentz

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adult correctional system
2 in North Dakota, including its responsibilities, programs, and funding, types of offenders and
3 offender programs, cost-effectiveness of the programs, rates of recidivism, and possible
4 alternatives to incarceration which may reduce the number of inmates and reduce recidivism.

5 **WHEREAS**, the average daily inmate population has increased from 571 in 1994 to 959
6 in 2000; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the inmate population continues to increase at a rate of 10 percent per
8 year; and

9 **WHEREAS**, increases in the manufacture and use of methamphetamines, along with
10 street gang activity, have created a new breed of younger, more violent, and more culturally
11 diverse inmate population; and

12 **WHEREAS**, state general fund appropriations to the Department of Corrections and
13 Rehabilitation have increased from \$28.8 million for the 1993-95 biennium to \$61.9 million for
14 the 1999-2001 biennium; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly has enacted numerous changes to sentencing
16 laws in North Dakota since 1993; and

17 **WHEREAS**, treatment and other programs that provide alternatives to incarceration
18 may reduce the number of inmates and reduce recidivism;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the adult correctional system in North Dakota,
22 including its responsibilities, programs, and funding, types of offenders and offender programs,
23 cost-effectiveness of the programs, rates of recidivism, and possible alternatives to
24 incarceration which may reduce the number of inmates and reduce recidivism; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.