

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Introduced by

Representative Belter

Senator J. Lee

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the North Dakota open records  
2 statutes and the appropriateness of the penalties for an unauthorized disclosure of certain  
3 records.

4 **WHEREAS**, there are over two hundred sections of the North Dakota Century Code  
5 which declare records confidential or address the handling of confidential records; and

6 **WHEREAS**, although North Dakota Century Code Section 12.1-13-01 provides that a  
7 person who knowingly discloses confidential information is guilty of a class C felony, various  
8 other sections of law provide conflicting penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of confidential  
9 information; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because of the severity of the sanctions for the unauthorized disclosure of  
11 confidential information, a comprehensive study of statutory provisions relating to the  
12 confidentiality of records and the appropriateness of the penalties for the unauthorized  
13 disclosure of certain records is necessary;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study the North Dakota open records statutes and the  
17 appropriateness of the penalties for unauthorized disclosure of certain records; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
20 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.