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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3061

Page 1, line 1, after "resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "directing the Legislative Council to study the delivery of elementary and secondary education during the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years, with emphasis on a review of the current school district structure, reorganization options, the potential for creating alternate administrative units, and the equitable distribution of state aid to school districts and to obtain the information necessary for this study through a variety of means, including testimony from school district superintendents and business managers.

WHEREAS, elementary and secondary education has long been valued in this state; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment has necessitated changes in the way elementary and secondary education is delivered; and

WHEREAS, anticipated demographic changes in the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years will contribute to fundamental changes in the delivery and organizational structure of elementary and secondary education; and

WHEREAS, issues of local versus state control in the delivery and organizational structure of elementary and secondary education need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the demographic changes and the structural changes, the state role in funding elementary and secondary education will continue to be significant; and

WHEREAS, the state has an obligation to ensure an equitable system for the funding of elementary and secondary education;

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

That the Legislative Council study the delivery of elementary and secondary education during the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years, with emphasis on a review of the current school district structure, reorganization options, the potential for creating alternate administrative units, and the equitable distribution of state aid to school districts and obtain the information necessary for this study through a variety of means, including testimony from school district superintendents and business managers; 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-eighth Legislative Assembly."

Renumber accordingly