

Introduced by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 That the Legislative Council study the delivery of elementary and secondary education
23 during the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years, with emphasis on a review of the current school district
24 structure, reorganization options, the potential for creating alternate administrative units, and
25 the equitable distribution of state aid to school districts and obtain the information necessary for

1 this study through a variety of means, including testimony from school district superintendents
2 and business managers; and

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