

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of implementing a retirement program for all law enforcement officers within the state of North
3 Dakota which provides retirement benefits similar to those provided to the members of the
4 Highway Patrolmen's retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter
5 39-03.1.

6 **WHEREAS**, recruiting and retaining quality law enforcement officers within the state of
7 North Dakota is integral to maintaining the safety and quality of life of all North Dakota
8 residents; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the nature of the work performed by law enforcement officers takes a
10 physical toll on those officers which exceeds that experienced by workers in the vast majority of
11 occupations and necessitates that law enforcement officers leave their employment at a
12 younger age than from most occupations; and

13 **WHEREAS**, other than for members of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system, a
14 retirement program does not exist that is uniform across the state which allows law enforcement
15 officers to retire at an age at which they might enjoy their retirement prior to experiencing the
16 physical effects of their work as law enforcement officers;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a
20 retirement program for all law enforcement officers within the state of North Dakota that
21 provides retirement benefits similar to those provided to the members of the Highway
22 Patrolmen's retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39-03.1; and

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