

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Koppelman

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the Interstate Compact on
2 Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

3 **WHEREAS**, military families move between postings on a regular basis; and

4 **WHEREAS**, while reassignments are often a boon for career personnel, reassignments
5 present significant challenges for the children of military families, including losing and having to
6 make new friends, adjusting to life in new cities, on new bases, and in new schools; and

7 **WHEREAS**, while the armed services have made great efforts to ease the transition of
8 personnel and their families, much remains to be done at the state and local levels to ensure
9 that the children of military families are afforded the same opportunities for educational success
10 as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals by
11 inflexible administrative and bureaucratic practices; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many students of military families change high schools at least twice and
13 most experience six to nine different school systems during their elementary and secondary
14 school years; and

15 **WHEREAS**, many children of military families encounter issues regarding the transfer of
16 school records, course sequencing, grade requirements, participation in extracurricular
17 activities, and entrance and exit testing, among others; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
19 addresses many of these stated issues;

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 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity
23 for Military Children, as well as its administration, enforcement, cost, and its impact on North
24 Dakota laws, school districts, schools, and children of both military and civilian families, with a

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- 1 view to determining whether North Dakota should become a participating member of the
- 2 compact; 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 Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.