

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Holmberg, O'Connell

Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Meier

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Career and Technical Education to identify  
2 programs and initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and  
3 identify opportunities for coordinated public and private sector participation.

4 **WHEREAS**, scientific and technological innovations are the catalyzing agents in the  
5 creation of new industries, the spawning of job growth, and ultimately the improvement of lives;  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, scientific and technological innovations are dependent upon individuals  
8 possessing the knowledge, skills, creativity, and foresight to forge new paths; and

9 **WHEREAS**, business and government leaders, elementary and secondary teachers, and  
10 higher education faculty members and administrators are increasingly aware of workforce  
11 shortages and skill gaps in the innovative fields of science, technology, engineering, and  
12 mathematics; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in order to address such shortages and ensure our long-term competitiveness  
14 and prosperity as a state, it is incumbent upon us to promote a collective commitment to  
15 excellence in education and the development of talent in the fields of science, technology,  
16 engineering, and mathematics; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in order to identify and develop the next generation of innovators in the fields of  
18 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, there must be a coordinated, proactive,  
19 and sustained pursuit of intellectual curiosity and engagement; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in order to ensure that multiple public and private sector interests are  
21 addressing responsibilities and opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering,  
22 and mathematics in an efficient, effective, coherent, and nonduplicative manner, it is appropriate  
23 to call for a state-level organized and consolidated approach;

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

1       That the Department of Career and Technical Education utilize its staff and contacts  
2 throughout the state to serve public and private sector participants by identifying meritorious  
3 programs and initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics,  
4 identifying opportunities for integrated activities and increased access, encouraging sustainable  
5 partnerships, and recommending policies and approaches to ensure that the state's resources  
6 and assets are utilized sagaciously; and

7       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
8 to the director of the Department of Career and Technical Education and to each member of the  
9 North Dakota Congressional Delegation.