

Introduced by

Senator Andrist

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study early childhood services
2 in the state, including the United States Department of Agriculture's food reimbursement
3 program for early childhood service providers and the income guidelines for the Department of
4 Human Services' child care assistance program.

5 **WHEREAS**, early childhood services capacity in the state is in a state of crisis; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there appears to be a gap between the cost of early childhood services and the
7 ability of families to pay for those services; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the staffing of early childhood facilities with trained personnel continues to be
9 an issue; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the lack of early childhood services in the state is creating an impact on
11 existing and projected workforce; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to enhance the sustainability of early childhood services
13 facilities;

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

16 That the Legislative Management study early childhood services in the state, including the
17 United States Department of Agriculture's food reimbursement program for early childhood
18 service providers and the income guidelines for the Department of Human Services' child care
19 assistance program; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly.