

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study potential opportunities for  
2 the creation and utilization of public-private partnerships at institutions of higher education  
3 within the North Dakota University System, for the purpose of creating software engineering and  
4 development programs.

5 **WHEREAS**, a public-private partnership is a powerful example of a triangulation between  
6 industry, government, and academia that can support and elevate a state as a leader in  
7 economic development; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a public-private partnership can stimulate economic growth and help to meet  
9 the workforce development needs of a state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the diesel technology program at North Dakota State College of Science is an  
11 example of a public-private partnership that has provided students with marketable skills and  
12 provided employers with an educated and trained workforce; and

13 **WHEREAS**, institutions of higher education within the North Dakota University System have  
14 a strong tradition of offering excellent educational programs and involving students and faculty  
15 in cutting edge research and technology development, and are thereby uniquely positioned to  
16 successfully participate in public-private partnerships that promote software engineering and  
17 development programs;

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

20 That the Legislative Management study potential opportunities for the creation and  
21 utilization of public-private partnerships at institutions of higher education within the North  
22 Dakota University System, for the purpose of creating software engineering and development  
23 programs; and

- 1        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 2        recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3        the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.