

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the expansion of psychiatric
2 and geropsychiatric training for primary care physicians at the University of North Dakota
3 School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's rural counties have generally maintained federal health
5 professional shortage area designation for psychiatric services; and

6 **WHEREAS**, recent national studies indicate that a significant portion of mental health
7 care for residents of rural areas may be rendered by primary care providers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, mental health services in rural areas are far less accessible than is
9 considered desirable; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is important to enhance the knowledge of networking and consulting
11 opportunities, as well as to support the enhancement of service delivery; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to enhance the mental health service capacity of primary
13 care providers, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in the rural areas; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is
15 the only physician training facility in the state of North Dakota;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the expansion of psychiatric and geropsychiatric
19 training for primary care physicians at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and
20 Health Sciences; and

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