

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015
(Senators Nething, B. Stenehjem)
(Representative Carlisle)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adult correctional system in North Dakota, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has not conducted a comprehensive study of the functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation of the state's adult correctional system since the 1977-78 interim; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has not conducted a comprehensive study of adult correctional facility needs since the 1979-80 interim; and

WHEREAS, the prison population in North Dakota has increased by over 60 percent from 1993 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, state general fund appropriations to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation have increased by over 50 percent from the 1993-95 biennium to the 1997-99 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the number of adult drug offenders incarcerated in North Dakota has increased by over 460 percent from 1993 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly has enacted numerous changes to sentencing laws in North Dakota since 1993; and

WHEREAS, treatment and other programs that provide alternatives to incarceration may reduce the number of inmates and reduce recidivism;

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

That the Legislative Council study the adult correctional system in North Dakota, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State