

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054

Introduced by

Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Lemieux, R. Kelsch

Senators Cook, O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study accreditation standards for
2 elementary and secondary schools, including optional accreditation standards, the fiscal impact
3 of accreditation standards, and the waiver of accreditation standards based on student
4 performance.

5 **WHEREAS**, the current standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary
6 schools in this state were issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1991; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in order to comply with certain provisions of the current standards for the
8 accreditation of elementary and secondary schools in this state, school boards often have to
9 expend funds that could be put to greater benefit for other purposes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the expenditure requirements directly or indirectly imposed by certain
11 provisions of the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary
12 schools prevent school boards from accomplishing goals based on the priorities of their school
13 districts; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and
15 secondary schools do not include any mechanisms for measuring the effect of the standards on
16 academic achievement or performance; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a review of optional accreditation standards, such as those by the North
18 Central Association Commission on Schools, may result in improving accreditation standards in
19 this state;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study accreditation standards for elementary and
23 secondary schools, including optional accreditation standards, the fiscal impact of accreditation
24 standards, and the waiver of accreditation standards based on student performance; and

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