

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3065

Introduced by

Representatives Hoffner, Bernstein, Kerzman, Svedjan

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the uses of funding provided to
2 the Children's Services Coordinating Committee.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Children's Services Coordinating Committee receives funding from
4 "refinancing," a system administered through the Department of Human Services which claims
5 federal reimbursement of certain administrative costs of local schools, juvenile courts, and
6 public health organizations under federal IV-E foster care and federal Medicaid programs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, twelve regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees
8 operate across the state to coordinate services to children in each region and Indian reservation
9 and to distribute grants to local service providers for children's programs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a 1996 performance audit of the Children's Services Coordinating
11 Committee raised concerns regarding the level of administrative costs of the regional and tribal
12 children's services coordinating committees; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the 1997 Legislative Assembly made changes to limit administrative costs
14 of these committees; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the "refinancing" funds generated for the 1997-99 biennium are estimated
16 to total \$8,000,000;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the uses of funds appropriated to the Children's
20 Services Coordinating Committee; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include a review of the use of funding
22 received by the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees and the
23 appropriate level of administrative costs for these committees; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include a review of the entities involved in
2 generating the "refinancing" funds and how the "refinancing" funding returned to them is being
3 used; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
6 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.