

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. 4042
(Senators G. Nelson, Freborg)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of developing and implementing statewide academic standards for and assessments of elementary and high school students and a system of accountability at the school and school district level.

WHEREAS, research has shown that a majority of American citizens support setting and enforcing consistent academic standards that prompt students from all socioeconomic backgrounds to achieve at higher levels; and

WHEREAS, states are using a myriad of strategies to develop and implement academic standards; and

WHEREAS, to be effective academic standards must be accompanied by assessments that measure students' progress toward attaining the standards; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has developed various voluntary academic standards, and a legislative study should be conducted before further development of academic standards;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of developing and implementing statewide academic standards for and assessments of elementary and high school students and a system of accountability at the school and school district level; 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