

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adoption laws of this state
2 and other states.

3 **WHEREAS**, adoption is the process by which a legal parent-child relationship is created
4 between individuals who are not biologically parent and child; and

5 **WHEREAS**, adoption law is established and governed in large part by the states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, all 50 states have statutes governing adoption; and

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota adoption law provides for notice requirements, waiting
8 periods, and residency requirements that are different from the provisions of adoption laws in
9 neighboring states; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to ensure placement of children in need of homes with families, it is
11 important that the adoption process is as efficient and cost-effective as possible.

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the adoption laws of this state and other states; and

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