

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study school district funding sources
2 to determine if a method can be found to provide an incentive to reduce school district property
3 tax levies.

4 **WHEREAS**, property taxes levied by school districts constitute a majority of all property
5 taxes levied in the state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, school districts that reduce property tax levies receive a reduction in
7 foundation aid allocations and reduced property tax levy authority in future years under current
8 law; and

9 **WHEREAS**, school district funding sources should be examined to determine whether
10 there are methods available to encourage reduction of property tax levies by school districts;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, foundation aid allocations may encourage school districts to determine the
13 maximum property tax levy that may be imposed and build a budget around that amount to
14 avoid loss of state funding;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study school district funding sources to determine if a
18 method can be found which would provide an incentive to reduce school district property tax
19 levies; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.