

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study issues related to  
2 employment restrictions in public assistance programs.

3 **WHEREAS**, workforce shortage issues have been identified as a major challenge for  
4 business development in the state of North Dakota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, businesses are seeking incentives for workers to fill shortfalls in the labor  
6 market; and

7 **WHEREAS**, some workforce issues could be resolved by allowing current employees to  
8 work additional hours when available; and

9 **WHEREAS**, some public assistance programs restrict eligibility based on total number of  
10 hours worked by employees; and

11 **WHEREAS**, total hours worked is not always an indicator of the needs an individual may  
12 have for receiving public assistance; and

13 **WHEREAS**, finding means to allow employees to work additional hours without  
14 automatically losing public assistance benefits may be a way of addressing some labor  
15 shortage issues;

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

18 That the Legislative Management shall study issues relating to employment restrictions in  
19 public assistance programs; and

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