

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031
(Representative Klemin)
(Senator Wardner)

A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study the juvenile justice process, levels of collaboration among various service systems, implementation of dispositional alternatives, and methods for improving outcomes for juveniles involved in the process.

WHEREAS, within the judicial branch, the juvenile court system is responsible for the adjudication and disposition of allegations that a juvenile is deprived, unruly, or has committed a delinquent act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the juvenile court process, other entities are involved in addressing juvenile justice issues, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation through the Division of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Services, the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigent Defense, regional human service centers, K-12 public schools, and a wide variety of treatment providers; and

WHEREAS, an effective resolution of juvenile justice issues must address recidivism, improve service access, efficiently use system resources, and collaborate with other service systems to identify the spectrum of needs of a juvenile involved in the system; and

WHEREAS, the current juvenile justice process has not been reviewed in almost 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the current process poses concerns for ensuring the most effective use of probation services, access to adequate support services, the potential for unwarranted institutional placements, and the need to distinguish between deprived juveniles and unruly and delinquent juveniles with respect to dispositions and service access;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the juvenile justice process, levels of collaboration among various service systems, implementation of dispositional alternatives, and methods for improving outcomes for juveniles involved in the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Management may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State