

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4004
(Senators Oban, Davison, Holmberg)
(Representatives Hanson, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the impact of students who experience behavioral health crisis or who engage in intense and aggressive behavior for communication purposes, both of which result in behaviors that make learning environments unsafe for other students, teachers, and other school personnel, and the need to implement a uniform reporting system.

WHEREAS, all North Dakota students deserve and have the right to attend and participate in educational experiences in a safe school environment; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakota teachers, administrators, instructional support staff, student transportation personnel, and facility and food service staff deserve and have the right to teach and work in a safe school workplace environment; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health crisis or engagement in intense and aggressive behavior for communication purposes can result in incidences of assault, simple assault, aggravated assault, serious bodily injury, other violent behavior, and altercations such as hitting, kicking, biting, spitting, throwing objects, destruction of classroom furniture or materials, extreme profane vocal outbursts, and threats of violence occur in schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, students who experience behavioral health crisis or engagement in intense and aggressive behavior for communication purposes deserve effective and up-to-date screening, assessment, and treatment strategies to address their needs; and

WHEREAS, school environments free from classroom and instructional disruptions support meaningful interaction and maximum educational experience and student success; and

WHEREAS, accurate and reliable data such as the types of incidences, antecedents, resolutions, frequency, demographic data about the student, circumstances, including if the incident occurred during a regulated or nonregulated event, eligibility for special education, and other pertinent data generally is not available, not accurately reported, and not consistently reported from school to school;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the impact of students who experience behavioral health crisis or who engage in intense and aggressive behavior for communication purposes, both of which result in behaviors that make learning environments unsafe for other students, teachers, and other school personnel, and the need to implement a uniform reporting system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendation, to the Sixty-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 _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State