

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054
(Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Lemieux, R. Kelsch)
(Senators Cook, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study accreditation standards for elementary and secondary schools, including optional accreditation standards, the fiscal impact of accreditation standards, and the waiver of accreditation standards based on student performance.

WHEREAS, the current standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary schools in this state were issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with certain provisions of the current standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary schools in this state, school boards often have to expend funds that could be put to greater benefit for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure requirements directly or indirectly imposed by certain provisions of the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary schools prevent school boards from accomplishing goals based on the priorities of their school districts; and

WHEREAS, the current state standards for the accreditation of elementary and secondary schools do not include any mechanisms for measuring the effect of the standards on academic achievement or performance; and

WHEREAS, a review of optional accreditation standards, such as those by the North Central Association Commission on Schools, may result in improving accreditation standards in this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study accreditation standards for elementary and secondary schools, including optional accreditation standards, the fiscal impact of accreditation standards, and the waiver of accreditation standards based on student performance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State