

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054
(Representatives Wrangham, Charging)
(Senator J. Lee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state programs providing services to children with special health care needs to determine whether the programs are effective in meeting these special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's system for providing services to children with special health care needs, and whether there are significant unmet special health care needs of children which should be addressed.

WHEREAS, there is a significant number of North Dakota children who have or are at risk of getting chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that require special health care needs; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to address child special health care needs, North Dakota has adopted Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which provides early intervention services for children from birth until age 3 and has adopted Part B, which provides ongoing early intervention services for children from age 3 to school; and

WHEREAS, although early intervention services offered under IDEA include case management and Medicaid, the qualifying requirements for these programs become more stringent under Part B, resulting in the eligibility disqualification of children during the transition from Part C to Part B; and

WHEREAS, 31 percent of the North Dakota children with special health care needs have inadequate health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the families of 24 percent of the North Dakota children with special health care needs experience significant financial problems due to a child's health care needs;

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

That the Legislative Council study state programs providing services to children with special health care needs to determine whether the programs are effective in meeting these special health care needs, whether there are gaps in the state's system for providing services to children with special health care needs, and whether there are significant unmet special health care needs of children which should be addressed; 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 Sixtieth 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 _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State