

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008  
(Representatives Klemin, DeKrey, Delmore)  
(Senators Fischer, J. Lee, Nething)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the issues of fairness, equity, and the best interests of children as they relate to issues of child custody and visitation.

**WHEREAS**, more than one-half of all actions filed in district court involve issues related to family law, including divorce, custody, and visitation; and

**WHEREAS**, every child who is the subject of a custody or visitation issue has the right to a determination that fosters the best interests of the child, including the child's right to a secure environment and to the guidance, nurture, and emotional, physical, and financial support of both parents; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota law provides that for the purposes of determining custody and visitation, there is no presumption as to which parent will better promote the best interests of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed regarding child custody orders and the enforcement of visitation orders;

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

That the Legislative Council study the issues of fairness, equity, and the best interests of children as they relate to issues of child custody and visitation; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State