

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4012

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study state alternatives to the
2 statutory and regulatory requirements placed on North Dakota schools and school districts by
3 the United States Department of Education, determine whether there are viable options to
4 achieve the federal government's goals without having the federal government's oversight and
5 involvement, and determine whether the federal fiscal impact is a significant and necessary
6 factor in assenting to the continuance of federal government involvement in this state's
7 educational process.

8 **WHEREAS**, the original Department of Education was created in 1867 to collect information
9 on schools and teaching that would help the states establish effective school systems; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1980, Congress established the United States Department of Education as a
11 cabinet-level agency; and

12 **WHEREAS**, today, the United States Department of Education operates programs that
13 touch on every area and level of education; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Education touts its leadership role in
15 promoting student achievement and preparing students for global competitiveness by fostering
16 educational excellence and ensuring equal access; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since 1965, the federal government has expended \$2 trillion on education
18 programs and since 1970, in real inflation-adjusted dollars, federal spending per student has
19 nearly tripled; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in nearly half a century, federal education policy has resulted in an
21 achievement level that has barely budged; and

22 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota parents, teachers, school administrators, personnel at the
23 Department of Public Instruction, legislators, the Governor, representatives of our institutions of
24 higher education, and other highly educated and successful residents of this state are
25 well-positioned to identify and meet the needs of all North Dakota students;

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

3 That the Legislative Management study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed on
4 North Dakota schools and school districts by the United States Department of Education,
5 determine whether there are viable options to achieve the federal government's goals without
6 having the federal government's oversight and involvement, and determine whether the federal
7 fiscal impact is a significant and necessary factor in assenting to the continuance of federal
8 government involvement in this state's educational process; and

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