

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4012**

Introduced by

Senators Anderson, Carlisle, Kilzer, Sitte

Representatives Laning, Rust

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

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

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

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