

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the statutory
2 requirements for high school graduation in order to determine their practical applicability to
3 English language learners.

4 **WHEREAS**, English language learners often face a plethora of challenges as they begin to
5 build new lives in a strange land; and

6 **WHEREAS**, English language learners often find that their efforts with respect to language
7 acquisition places them behind their chronological peers academically; and

8 **WHEREAS**, English language learners are often unable to satisfactorily meet all regular or
9 even optional high school graduation requirements set forth in statute; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the tremendous effort put forth by English language learners within their high
11 school years should be acknowledged by this state;

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

14 That the Legislative Management study the statutory requirements for high school
15 graduation in order to determine their practical applicability to English language learners and
16 study the feasibility and desirability of either revising the graduation requirements to provide
17 greater flexibility for English language learners or devising separate requirements for high
18 school graduation that are applicable only to English language learners; and

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