

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3015
(Representatives Satrom, Schauer, Vetter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying best practices to reduce offender recidivism, increase educational opportunities, prepare incarcerated offenders to rejoin their communities, establish and implement a community transitional housing program, including independent host homes, and encourage communities to reintegrate previously incarcerated individuals into society.

WHEREAS, the state releases approximately 1,400 inmates annually; and

WHEREAS, previously incarcerated individuals often face numerous barriers upon reintegration into society, including lack of adequate housing, transportation, support systems, training, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, previously incarcerated individuals may benefit from resources and assistance upon reintegration into society, including vocational training, substance abuse treatment, short-term housing, and remedial education; and

WHEREAS, the state has over 14,000 job openings; and

WHEREAS, the employment gap in our communities may be positively impacted through the successful re-entry of previously incarcerated individuals into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, our communities should be encouraged to assist and support previously incarcerated individuals reintegrating into society in an effort to reduce recidivism and encourage lawful employment;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying best practices to reduce offender recidivism, increase educational opportunities, prepare incarcerated offenders to rejoin their communities, establish and implement a community transitional housing program, including independent host homes, and encourage communities to reintegrate previously incarcerated individuals into society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Management may seek technical assistance, as appropriate, from the Council of State Governments' Justice Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh 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 _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State