Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018 (Senator Dever)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the use of seclusion and restraint procedures in schools.

WHEREAS, seclusion and restraint procedures are safety procedures designed to isolate a student from others or to hold a student in response to behavior that places the student or other students at risk of injury; and

WHEREAS, states have reported adverse consequences from the use of seclusion and restraint procedures in schools; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that seclusion and restraint procedures are prone to misapplication and abuse, potentially placing students in more danger than the initial behavior; and

WHEREAS, this state does not track the frequency with which seclusion and restraint procedures are used in schools; and

WHEREAS, this state is one of eighteen that does not have laws directly addressing the use of seclusion and restraint procedures in schools;

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

That the Legislative Management study the use of seclusion and restraint procedures in schools; 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-fifth Legislative Assembly.