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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the impact of
2 students who experience behavioral health crisis or who engage in intense and aggressive
3 behavior for communication purposes, both of which result in behaviors that make learning
4 environments unsafe for other students, teachers, and other school personnel, and the need to
5 implement a uniform reporting system.

6 **WHEREAS**, all North Dakota students deserve and have the right to attend and participate
7 in educational experiences in a safe school environment; and

8 **WHEREAS**, all North Dakota teachers, administrators, instructional support staff, student
9 transportation personnel, and facility and food service staff deserve and have the right to teach
10 and work in a safe school workplace environment; and

11 **WHEREAS**, behavioral health crisis or engagement in intense and aggressive behavior for
12 communication purposes can result in incidences of assault, simple assault, aggravated
13 assault, serious bodily injury, other violent behavior, and altercations such as hitting, kicking,
14 biting, spitting, throwing objects, destruction of classroom furniture or materials, extreme
15 profane vocal outbursts, and threats of violence occur in schools across the state; and

16 **WHEREAS**, students who experience behavioral health crisis or engagement in intense
17 and aggressive behavior for communication purposes deserve effective and up-to-date
18 screening, assessment, and treatment strategies to address their needs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, school environments free from classroom and instructional disruptions support
20 meaningful interaction and maximum educational experience and student success; and

21 **WHEREAS**, accurate and reliable data such as the types of incidences, antecedents,
22 resolutions, frequency, demographic data about the student, circumstances, including if the
23 incident occurred during a regulated or nonregulated event, eligibility for special education, and
24 other pertinent data generally is not available, not accurately reported, and not consistently
25 reported from school to school;

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

3 That the Legislative Management consider studying the impact of students who
4 experience behavioral health crisis or who engage in intense and aggressive behavior for
5 communication purposes, both of which result in behaviors that make learning environments
6 unsafe for other students, teachers, and other school personnel, and the need to implement a
7 uniform reporting system.

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