Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4013

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, Armstrong, Casper, Unruh

Representative Streyle

1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to consider studying the

2 process necessary to replace the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton with statewide

3 services for individuals with disabilities.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Life Skills and Transition Center has become a safety net for individuals

5 with disabilities who live in areas of the state without sufficient services; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the population of the Life Skills and Transition Center has been reduced to a

7 number that is inefficient for the state to care for in a large institution; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Life Skills and Transition Center employs more than four full-time

9 equivalent positions for each individual served; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the buildings and grounds of the Life Skills and Transition Center are not at

11 optimal use; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court's Olmstead decision requires states to

13 "place persons with mental disabilities in community settings rather than in institutions"; and

14 **WHEREAS**, community settings may prove to be a more efficient and compassionate

15 method of serving individuals with disabilities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, amending subsection 8 of Section 12 of Article IX of the Constitution of North

17 Dakota to remove the institution in Walsh County will open more options for stakeholders and

18 the Legislative Assembly;

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**

20 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

21 That the Legislative Management consider studying the process necessary to replace the

22 Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton with statewide services for individuals with

23 disabilities.

1   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and

2   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to

3   the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly.