

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the child abuse and  
2 neglect laws and the child protection services system in the state, including a review of the  
3 authority of and the criteria used for child protection services to remove a child from a home.

4 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 50-25.1 is to protect the  
5 health and welfare of children by encouraging the reporting of children who are known to be or  
6 suspected of being abused or neglected, to provide adequate services for the protection and  
7 treatment of abused and neglected children, and to protect the children from further harm; and

8 **WHEREAS**, each county social service department in the state, through the child protection  
9 services division of the Department of Human Services, is responsible for receiving reports of  
10 suspected child abuse or neglect, assessing the report, and making a decision as to whether  
11 services are required to provide for the protection and treatment of an abused or neglected  
12 child; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a review of the child abuse and neglect laws and the child protection services  
14 system in the state would help ensure that children at risk are being adequately protected, that  
15 the rights of the families are being protected, and that the children and their families are  
16 receiving the needed services;

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

19 That the Legislative Management study the child abuse and neglect laws and the child  
20 protection services system in the state, including a review of the authority of and the criteria  
21 used for child protection services to remove a child from a home; and

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