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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

Introduced by: Representatives Lange, Adelstein, Bartling, Davis, Elliott, Frost, Hanson (Gary), Hennies (Thomas), Hundstad, Klaudt, Kooistra, Nesselhuf, and Sutton (Duane) and Senators Diedtrich (Elmer), Dennert, Duxbury, Hagen, Ham, Kleven, Koskan, Madden, McIntyre, Moore, Putnam, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), Symens, Volesky, and Whiting

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Department of Corrections to expand their
2 mission statement.

3 WHEREAS, the current mission statement of the Department of Corrections does not
4 include the goal of inmate rehabilitation; and

5 WHEREAS, in the year 2001, the Department of Corrections returned 1,551 adult inmates
6 to our communities; and

7 WHEREAS, we, as the State Legislature, encourage all citizens to be useful, employable,
8 well adjusted, and socially acceptable individuals:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
10 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
11 Department of Corrections be strongly encouraged to modify their mission statement to include
12 the following statements: "The mission of the Department of Corrections is to provide the
13 highest level of social rehabilitation, correctional treatment, medical care and related treatment



1 to persons committed to the correctional institutions that will assist those committed in achieving
2 or maintaining economic self-support or self-sufficiency that will reduce dependency; to provide
3 needed long-term care services to those permanently admitted or committed; to assure that those
4 released are useful, employable, well adjusted, and socially acceptable individuals and to insure
5 against a return to the institutional environment; and to insure that the conditions of confinement
6 in local correctional facilities provide decent and humane care to detainees in order to expedite
7 their successful return to their community."