

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1452

Introduced by

Representatives Rose, Christenson, Gunter

Senators DeMers, Lee, Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the provision of nursing services in the public schools.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **School health services.** The state department of health shall establish two pilot  
7 programs, one in a rural school district and one in an urban school district, to provide for the  
8 services of registered nurses in the public schools of this state. A local school board or  
9 consortium may contract directly for the provision of these services with a registered nurse who  
10 meets the licensing requirements of the state board of nursing and who is a registered nurse  
11 employed by an entity that provides nursing services. The registered nurse's duties may  
12 include, subject to parental consent, providing health readiness examinations for students  
13 beginning school, providing health screenings, being a resource for disease prevention,  
14 providing services for students with special needs, and providing referrals for diagnostic tests.  
15 The registered nurse's duties may also include the review of immunization records, the  
16 provision of first aid, the provision of teacher inservice training programs and staff wellness  
17 activities, the development of school district health policies, and participation in health and  
18 safety programs. A registered nurse providing services under this section shall abide by the  
19 provisions of sections 15-47-49 and 15-47-50, as stated in the nurse's contract. Each local  
20 school district or consortium participating in the program is responsible for providing office  
21 supplies, restocking medical supplies, and for the monthly cost of a cellular telephone. Each  
22 participating school district or consortium shall establish a school health services committee to  
23 determine which duties should be provided by the nurse. The local school board or consortium

- 1 and the nurse shall report, as requested, to the department of health. The department of health
- 2 shall report its findings regarding the pilot program to the 1999 Legislative Assembly.