

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the rights and duties of parties to child custody and visitation
3 proceedings.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Custody rights and duties.**

- 8 1. The court shall grant the following rights and duties to parties in custody or
9 visitation proceedings:
- 10 a. Each party has the right of access to and the right to receive copies of a minor
11 child's school records and information, medical records and information,
12 dental records and information, religious training records and information, and
13 other similar types of records and information.
- 14 b. Each party has the right of access to information regarding health or dental
15 insurance available to the minor child.
- 16 c. Each party shall keep the other party informed as to name and address of the
17 school the minor child attends.
- 18 d. Both parties have the same right to be informed by school officials about the
19 minor child's welfare, educational progress, and educational status, and the
20 same right to attend school and parent-teacher conferences. The school is
21 not required to hold a separate conference with each party.
- 22 e. The party who first becomes aware of an accident or serious illness of a minor
23 child for which health care treatment is obtained shall notify the other party of

- 1 the accident or illness, the name of the health care provider, and the place of
2 treatment.
- 3 f. Each party has the right to reasonable access and telephone contact with the
4 minor child.
- 5 2. The court may waive any right and duty under this section by citing a specific
6 finding of fact that shows waiver is necessary to protect the welfare of a party or
7 the minor child.