

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 pilot programs
7 in rural and urban school districts to provide for the services of registered nurses in the public
8 schools of this state. A local school board may contract directly for the provision of these
9 services with a registered nurse who is authorized by the state to provide nursing services or
10 who is employed by an entity licensed to provide nursing services. The registered nurse's
11 duties may include, subject to parental consent, the provision of health readiness examinations
12 for students beginning school, health screenings, disease prevention education, services for
13 students with special needs, and referrals for diagnostic tests. The registered nurse's duties
14 may also include the review of immunization records, the provision of first aid, the provision of
15 teacher inservice training programs and staff wellness activities, the development of school
16 district health policies, and participation in health, safety, and nutrition programs. A registered
17 nurse providing services under this section is considered to be an employee or agent of a public
18 school district for purposes of sections 15-47-49 and 15-47-50. Each school district
19 participating in the program shall establish a school health services committee to determine
20 which duties should be provided by the nurse.