

HOUSE BILL NO. 1231

Introduced by

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Senator Traynor

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact three new sections to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the provision of services to individuals who are deaf or hearing
3 impaired; to amend and reenact sections 25-07-01, 25-07-04, 25-07-05, 25-07-06, 25-07-08,
4 and 25-07-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the school for the deaf; and to
5 repeal section 25-07-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the reporting of
6 individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **25-07-01. School for the deaf - Maintained - Location - Purpose.** There must be
11 maintained at Devils Lake, in Ramsey County, ~~an institution for the education of the deaf which~~
12 ~~must be known as the~~ a school for the deaf, which must provide education and training and
13 serve as a resource and referral center for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **25-07-04. Qualifications for admission to school for the deaf - Residents of state**
17 **entitled to free education.** ~~Each applicant~~

18 1. A child who is a resident of this state and who, because of deafness or a hearing
19 impairment, is unable to receive an education in the public schools, is entitled to
20 receive an education in attend the school for the deaf at the expense of the state.
21 ~~The North Dakota school for the deaf serves deaf or hearing impaired children~~
22 ~~from birth through age~~ A child is entitled to attend the school at any age up to
23 twenty-one.

1 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-07-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **25-07-08. Clothing may be furnished when necessary - Accounts for clothing.**

4 The ~~superintendent of the school for the deaf shall furnish suitable clothing to a pupil provide~~
5 clothing to a child who is enrolled in the school who otherwise is not provided with the same.
6 ~~An account, certified as correct by the superintendent, must be made for clothing furnished to~~
7 ~~any pupil:~~

- 8 1. ~~Against the parent or guardian of such pupil if the pupil is a minor; or~~
9 2. ~~Against the pupil if the pupil has no parent or guardian or has attained if the child~~
10 does not have suitable clothing. If the child is a minor, the school shall charge the
11 child's parent or legal guardian for any clothing provided to the child under this
12 section and shall charge the individual for any clothing provided to the individual
13 under this section if the individual has reached the age of majority. ~~An account~~
14 certified as correct by ~~If the superintendent must be~~ certifies any charges under
15 this section as being correct, the charges are presumed correct in all courts.

16 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 25-07-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **25-07-11. Home intervention program.** The school for the deaf may provide a home
19 intervention program for children who are under the age of five and who are deaf or
20 hearing-impaired preschoolers, under the age of five, which must consist of supplying. The
21 program must include information, counseling services, auditory training, and basic language
22 development ~~programs~~ instruction for the parents of such children. This home intervention
23 program ~~will~~ must be carried out by college or university trained teachers of the deaf, speech
24 pathologists, or audiologists.

25 **SECTION 7.** A new section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 created and enacted as follows:

27 **School for the deaf - Adult services.**

- 28 1. The school for the deaf may provide services to adults who are deaf or hearing
29 impaired. The services may include:
30 a. Consultations;
31 b. Evaluations;

- 1 c. Information;
- 2 d. Auditory training;
- 3 e. Training in the use of technology and assistive technologies;
- 4 f. Training in life skills; and
- 5 g. Recreational opportunities.
- 6 2. The school for the deaf may assist adults who are deaf or hearing impaired in
- 7 obtaining access to vocational rehabilitation programs, developmental disabilities
- 8 programs, aging services, captioned media services, communications services,
- 9 and advocacy services. The school for the deaf may also assist individuals in
- 10 obtaining residential placements in independent living facilities.

11 **SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 created and enacted as follows:

13 **Provision of services - Collaboration.** The school for the deaf may collaborate with
14 public and private entities for the provision of services to individuals who are deaf or hearing
15 impaired.

16 **SECTION 9.** A new section to chapter 25-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 created and enacted as follows:

18 **Data base.** The school for the deaf may maintain a data base of individuals who are
19 deaf or hearing impaired.

20 **SECTION 10. REPEAL.** Section 25-07-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 repealed.