

HOUSE BILL NO. 1366

Introduced by

Representatives Maragos, Hofstad, D. Johnson

Senator Oehlke

1 A BILL ~~for an Act relating to a bill of rights for children who are deaf or hearing impaired~~for an
2 Act to create and enact section 25-07-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a bill of
3 rights for children who are deaf or hearing impaired.

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

5 ~~—~~ **SECTION 1.**

6 ~~—~~ **Bill of rights - Children who are deaf or hearing impaired.**

7 ~~—~~ The legislative assembly believes that children who are deaf or hearing impaired are
8 entitled to the following:

9 ~~—~~ 1. Appropriate screening and assessment of hearing and vision capabilities and
10 communication and language needs at the earliest possible age and continuation of
11 screening services throughout their educational experience.

12 ~~—~~ 2. Early intervention to provide for acquisition of solid language bases at the earliest
13 possible age.

14 ~~—~~ 3. Their parents' or guardians' full and informed participation in their educational
15 planning.

16 ~~—~~ 4. Adult role models who are deaf or hearing impaired.

17 ~~—~~ 5. Meeting and associating with their peers.

18 ~~—~~ 6. Qualified teachers, interpreters, and resource personnel who communicate effectively
19 with the child in the child's mode of communications.

20 ~~—~~ 7. Placement best suited to their individual needs, including social, emotional, and
21 cultural needs, age, hearing loss, academic level, mode of communication, styles of
22 learning, motivational level, and family support.

23 ~~—~~ 8. Individual considerations for free appropriate education across a full spectrum of
24 education programs.

- 1 ~~9. Full support services provided by qualified professionals in their educational settings.~~
2 ~~10. Full access to all programs in their educational setting.~~
3 ~~11. Having the public fully informed concerning medical, cultural, and linguistic issues of~~
4 ~~deafness and hearing loss.~~

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-07-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
6 follows:

7 **25-07-13. Bill of rights - Children who are deaf or hearing impaired.**

8 The legislative assembly believes that children who are deaf or hearing impaired are
9 entitled to the following:

- 10 1. Appropriate screening and assessment of hearing and vision capabilities and
11 communication and language needs at the earliest possible age and continuation of
12 screening services throughout their educational experience.
13 2. Early intervention to provide for acquisition of solid language bases at the earliest
14 possible age.
15 3. Their parents' or guardians' full and informed participation in their educational
16 planning.
17 4. The opportunity to interact in person or through technology mediums with adult role
18 models and peers who are also deaf or hearing impaired.
19 5. Qualified teachers, interpreters, and resource personnel who communicate effectively
20 with the child in the child's mode of communications.
21 6. Placement best suited to their individual needs, including social, emotional, and
22 cultural needs, age, hearing loss, academic level, mode of communication, styles of
23 learning, motivational level, and family support.
24 7. Information on available resources in the state of North Dakota for parents or
25 guardians of deaf or hearing impaired children.
26 8. Full educational support services provided by qualified professionals.
27 9. Full and equal access to all programs in their educational setting.
28 10. Awareness information provided to the public concerning medical, cultural, and
29 linguistic issues of deafness and hearing loss.