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of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1366

Introduced by

Representatives Maragos, Hofstad, D. Johnson

Senator Oehlke

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

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

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

6 **25-07-13. 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. The opportunity to interact in person or through technology mediums with adult role
17 models and peers who are also deaf or hearing impaired.
- 18 5. Qualified teachers, interpreters, and resource personnel who communicate effectively
19 with the child in the child's mode of communications.
- 20 6. 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 7. Information on available resources in the state of North Dakota for parents or
24 guardians of deaf or hearing impaired children.

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- 1 8. Full educational support services provided by qualified professionals.
- 2 9. Full and equal access to all programs in their educational setting.
- 3 10. Awareness information provided to the public concerning medical, cultural, and
- 4 linguistic issues of deafness and hearing loss.