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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1366

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for collaboration between the school for the deaf and school districts on the provision of appropriate services and resources to children who are deaf or hearing impaired and the families of children who are deaf or hearing impaired.

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

**SECTION 1. COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND RESOURCES TO CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED.**

1. The school for the deaf shall collaborate with school districts to ensure that children who are deaf or hearing impaired and families of children who are deaf or hearing impaired receive appropriate services and have access to appropriate resources including:
  - a. Screening and assessment of hearing capabilities and communication and language needs at the earliest possible age, and continuation of screening services throughout the child's educational experience;
  - b. Early intervention to provide for acquisition of solid language bases at the earliest age possible;
  - c. The opportunity to interact in person or through technological mediums with adult role models and peers who are deaf or hearing impaired;
  - d. Qualified teachers, interpreters, and resource personnel, who communicate effectively with the child in the child's mode of communication; and
  - e. Placement best suited to the child's needs such as social, emotional, cultural, age-related, hearing loss, academic level, mode of communication, style of learning, motivational level, and family support needs.
2. The school for the deaf shall:
  - a. Make information available to parents of children who are deaf or hearing impaired; and
  - b. Provide awareness information to the public concerning medical, cultural, and linguistic issues of deafness and hearing loss."

Renumber accordingly