

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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.~~

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

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

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

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

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