

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1366**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for collaboration between the school for the deaf and school
2 districts on the provision of appropriate services and resources to children who are deaf or
3 hearing impaired and the families of children who are deaf or hearing impaired.

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

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

8 1. The school for the deaf shall collaborate with school districts to ensure that children
9 who are deaf or hearing impaired and families of children who are deaf or hearing
10 impaired receive appropriate services and have access to appropriate resources
11 including:

12 a. Screening and assessment of hearing capabilities and communication and
13 language needs at the earliest possible age, and continuation of screening
14 services throughout the child's educational experience;

15 b. Early intervention to provide for acquisition of solid language bases at the earliest
16 age possible;

17 c. The opportunity to interact in person or through technological mediums with adult
18 role models and peers who are deaf or hearing impaired;

19 d. Qualified teachers, interpreters, and resource personnel, who communicate
20 effectively with the child in the child's mode of communication; and

21 e. Placement best suited to the child's needs such as social, emotional, cultural,
22 age-related, hearing loss, academic level, mode of communication, style of
23 learning, motivational level, and family support needs.

24 2. The school for the deaf shall:

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- 1 a. Make information available to parents of children who are deaf or hearing
- 2 impaired; and
- 3 b. Provide awareness information to the public concerning medical, cultural, and
- 4 linguistic issues of deafness and hearing loss.