Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE BILL NO. 1366
(Representatives Maragos, Hofstad, D. Johnson)
(Senator Oehlke)

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.

Wesley R. Belter
Speaker of the House

Dick Dever
President of the Senate

Burl J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Jack Schaibler
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1366.

House Vote:	Yeas 85	Nays 7	Absent 2
Senate Vote:	Yeas 47	Nays 0	Absent 0

Burl J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 11:40 A.M. on April 15, 2015.

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

Filed in this office this 15th day of April, 2015,

at 2:49 o'clock P M.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State