



NDSA-12-2526

A Resolution in Support of SBHE Policy 617, Safety of Children on Campus

¹**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

²**WHEREAS**, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

³**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (ND SBHE), the policy setting, advocacy, and governing body of the North Dakota University System for the 11 public institutions often passes policies that impact the students attending those institutions; and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, the ND SBHE, during a meeting on October 30th, 2025, passed SBHE Policy 617 which relates to the safety of children on NDUS campuses; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, SBHE Policy 617 mandates that NDUS institutions adopt policies that address the safety of children on college campuses including policies for reporting incidents, and to adhere to state law and SBHE policies the safety of children; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, NDUS institutions often host events that involve the community including events that heavily involve K-12 students such as Science and Esports competitions; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, the addition of this policy ensures the security and safety of not only K-12 students at the college attending events but also the general campus community as a whole; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Dakota Student Association supports the changes to SBHE Policy 617, relating to the Safety of Children on Campus; and,

²**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports expanding the protections to include students that are in the K-12 system that are 18 years or older, and to change the language mentioning children to minor, or to students within a K-12 system.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, November 15th, 2025*