

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Grumbo, Haas, Nottestad, Wikenheiser

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the interim reciprocal certification of teachers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Interim reciprocal teaching certificate - Period of validity.**

7 1. The education standards and practices board shall grant an interim reciprocal
8 teaching certificate in accordance with sections 15-47-46 and 15-41-25 to an
9 individual who holds a valid regular teaching license or certificate from another
10 state, provided:

11 a. The certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's degree with a
12 major that meets the issuing state's requirements in elementary education,
13 middle-level education, or a content area taught in public high school;

14 b. The certification requires the completion of a professional education
15 sequence from a state-approved teacher education program, including
16 supervised student teaching;

17 c. The individual submits to a background check as required of initial applicants
18 in section 15-38-18.2;

19 d. The background check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota applicant
20 would be denied initial certification; and

21 e. The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to
22 become a certificated teacher in this state.

23 2. An interim reciprocal certificate granted under this section is valid for two years.

24 The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the individual's educational

- 1 plan to the education standards and practices board at the end of the two-year
2 period. The interim reciprocal certificate may be renewed for one additional
3 two-year period if satisfactory progress is demonstrated.
- 4 3. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal certificate granted under this
5 section is the equivalent of a teaching certificate granted under chapter 15-36.