

**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 two new sections to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the interim reciprocal certification of teachers; and to declare an
3 emergency.

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

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

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

- 8 1. The education standards and practices board shall grant an interim reciprocal
9 teaching certificate in accordance with sections 15-47-46 and 15-41-25 to an
10 individual who holds a valid regular teaching license or certificate from another
11 state, provided:
- 12 a. The certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's degree with a
13 major that meets the issuing state's requirements in elementary education,
14 middle-level education, or a content area taught in public high school;
 - 15 b. The certification requires the completion of a professional education
16 sequence from a state-approved teacher education program, including
17 supervised student teaching;
 - 18 c. The individual submits to a background check as required of initial applicants
19 in section 15-38-18.2;
 - 20 d. The background check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota applicant
21 would be denied initial certification; and
 - 22 e. The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to
23 become a certificated teacher in this state.

1 2. An interim reciprocal certificate granted under this section is valid for two years.
2 The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the individual's educational
3 plan to the education standards and practices board at the end of the two-year
4 period. The interim reciprocal certificate may be renewed for one additional
5 two-year period if satisfactory progress is demonstrated.

6 3. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal certificate granted under this
7 section is the equivalent of a teaching certificate granted under chapter 15-36.

8 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 created and enacted as follows:

10 **Reciprocal acceptance of teaching certificates - Report.** On or before July 1, 2001,
11 the education standards and practices board shall implement a program for the reciprocal
12 acceptance of teaching certificates issued by the states of Minnesota, Montana, and South
13 Dakota. The education standards and practices board shall present a progress report
14 regarding implementation of the program to the legislative council or to a committee designated
15 by the council before October 1, 2000.

16 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.