

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments**

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 pursue the reciprocal acceptance of teaching
12 certificates issued by other states. The education standards and practices board shall present
13 a progress report regarding implementation of the program to the legislative council or to a
14 committee designated by the council before October 1, 2000.

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