

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274
(Representatives Brandenburg, Grumbo, Haas, Nottestad, Wikenheiser)
(Senator Wardner)

AN ACT to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the interim reciprocal certification of teachers; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Interim reciprocal teaching certificate - Period of validity.

1. The education standards and practices board shall grant an interim reciprocal teaching certificate in accordance with sections 15-47-46 and 15-41-25 to an individual who holds a valid regular teaching license or certificate from another state, provided:
 - a. The certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's degree with a major that meets the issuing state's requirements in elementary education, middle-level education, or a content area taught in public high school;
 - b. The certification requires the completion of a professional education sequence from a state-approved teacher education program, including supervised student teaching;
 - c. The individual submits to a background check as required of initial applicants in section 15-38-18.2;
 - d. The background check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota applicant would be denied initial certification; and
 - e. The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to become a certificated teacher in this state.
2. An interim reciprocal certificate granted under this section is valid for two years. The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the individual's educational plan to the education standards and practices board at the end of the two-year period. The interim reciprocal certificate may be renewed for one additional two-year period if satisfactory progress is demonstrated.
3. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal certificate granted under this section is the equivalent of a teaching certificate granted under chapter 15-36.

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

Reciprocal acceptance of teaching certificates - Report. On or before July 1, 2001, the education standards and practices board shall pursue the reciprocal acceptance of teaching certificates issued by other states. The education standards and practices board shall present a progress report regarding implementation of the program to the legislative council or to a committee designated by the council before October 1, 2000.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1274 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 97 Nays 1 Absent 0

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 6 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State