

**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. 1370  
(Representatives Nottestad, Drovdal, Grumbo, L. Thoreson)  
(Senators Holmberg, Wardner)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to enforcement of requirements concerning teaching certificates; and to amend and reenact section 15-36-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements to hold teaching certificates.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-36-11 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-36-11. Certificate required.** ~~A person~~ Except as provided by section 2 of this Act, an individual must hold a valid North Dakota teacher's certificate in order to be permitted or employed to teach in any public school in this state.

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

**Exception to certificate requirement.** An individual without a valid certificate who is teaching under contract with a school may teach and be employed to teach if approved by the education standards and practices board. The education standards and practices board shall establish by rule the terms and conditions of approval. The terms and conditions may include payment of fines to the board, enrollment in and completion of continuing education courses, and a deadline for filing a completed application. Approval to teach and be employed to teach without a valid North Dakota certificate may only be granted if the individual has previously held a valid North Dakota certificate, currently holds a valid teaching certificate or license in another jurisdiction, or has filed a completed application with the board.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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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. 1370.

House Vote:      Yeas    86      Nays    10      Absent    2

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State