

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Brusegaard, Grande

Senator Schobinger

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to teacher certification requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Academic teaching certificate.**

- 7 1. The education standards and practices board shall grant an academic teaching  
8 certificate to an individual who holds a master's degree or a doctoral degree from  
9 an accredited institution of higher education, provided the individual submits to a  
10 background check as required of initial applicants in section 15-38-18.2, and  
11 further provided that the background check reveals nothing for which any other  
12 applicant would be denied initial certification.
- 13 2. An academic teaching certificate granted under this section allows its holder to  
14 teach at the high school level those courses that are in the same academic area as  
15 the holder's graduate or doctoral degree.
- 16 3. Except as limited by this section, an academic teaching certificate is the equivalent  
17 of a teaching certificate granted under chapter 15-36.