

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1465
(Representatives Froelich, Grumbo, D. Johnson)

AN ACT to provide for a mental retardation credential; to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special education strategist credential; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, a new section to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Special education strategist credential. In addition to any other credential, the superintendent of public instruction shall implement a special education strategist credential, effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a special education strategist credential and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special education services in the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, and specific learning disabilities.

SECTION 2. If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, a new section to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Provisional special education strategist credential. Beginning August 1, 2001, upon application the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a provisional special education strategist credential to any individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who holds a credential applicable to the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities. The provisional credential must be made available to the individual for the lesser of three years or the period of time required by the individual to complete the requirements for a special education strategist credential.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Special education strategist credential. In addition to any other credential, the superintendent of public instruction shall implement a special education strategist credential, effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a special education strategist credential and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special education services in the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, and specific learning disabilities.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Provisional special education strategist credential. Beginning August 1, 2001, upon application the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a provisional special education strategist credential to any individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who holds a credential applicable to the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, or specific learning disabilities. The provisional credential must be made available to the individual for the lesser of three years or the period of time required by the individual to complete the requirements for a special education strategist credential.

SECTION 5. MENTAL RETARDATION CREDENTIAL. In addition to any other credential, the superintendent of public instruction may implement a mental retardation credential effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a mental retardation credential and meets all other teacher licensure

requirements imposed by statute may provide special education services in the area of mental retardation.

SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 5 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2003, and after that date is ineffective.

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-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1465.

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 49 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

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Secretary of State