

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1270

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-13-09 and 15.1-13-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of teachers from other states; and to repeal section 15.1-13-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reciprocal teaching licenses.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-13-09. Board powers.**

The board may:

1. Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32.
2. ~~Contract with other states for the reciprocal approval of teacher preparation programs.~~
3. ~~Apply for and receive federal or other funds on behalf of the state for purposes related to its duties.~~
- 4-3. Perform any duty related to the improvement of instruction through teacher education, professional development, and continuing education programs.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**~~15.1-13-20. Interim reciprocal teaching license -- Period of validity~~Applicants licensed in other states.**

1. The board shall grant ~~an interim reciprocal~~ a teaching license in accordance with sections ~~15.1-18-02 and 15.1-18-03 to an individual~~ to an applicant who holds a regular teaching license or certificate from another state, provided:
  - a. The ~~individual's~~ applicant's licensure or certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's degree with a major that meets the issuing state's requirements in early childhood education, elementary education, middle level education, or a content area taught at a public high school;
  - b. The ~~individual's~~ applicant's licensure or certification is based upon the completion of a professional education sequence from a state-approved teacher education program and includes supervised student teaching;

- ~~c. The individual applicant submits to the required fee and a criminal history record check, as required of initial applicants by this chapter; and~~
  - ~~d. The criminal history record check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota applicant would be denied initial licensure; and~~
  - ~~e. The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to become a licensed teacher in this state.~~
- ~~2. An interim reciprocal license granted under this section is valid for two years.~~
  - ~~3. The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the plan required by subsection 1 to the board prior to renewal of the interim reciprocal license.~~
  - ~~4. The board may renew the interim reciprocal license for one additional two-year period if the board finds that the individual has demonstrated satisfactory progress.~~
  - ~~5. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal license granted under this section is the equivalent of a teaching license granted under this chapter.~~
- 2. A license granted under this section is valid for two years if the applicant has not been licensed in another state for at least eighteen months. In all other cases, a license granted under this section is valid for five years.

**SECTION 3.** Section 15.1-13-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed."

Renumber accordingly