

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-13-09 and 15.1-13-20 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensing of teachers from other states; and to repeal  
3 section 15.1-13-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to reciprocal teaching licenses.

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

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

7 **15.1-13-09. Board powers.**

8 The board may:

- 9 1. Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 28-32.
- 10 2. ~~Contract with other states for the reciprocal approval of teacher preparation programs.~~
- 11 3. Apply for and receive federal or other funds on behalf of the state for purposes related  
12 to its duties.
- 13 4.3. Perform any duty related to the improvement of instruction through teacher education,  
14 professional development, and continuing education programs.

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

17 **15.1-13-20. ~~Interim reciprocal teaching license -- Period of validity~~ Applicants licensed**  
18 **in other states.**

- 19 1. The board shall grant an ~~interim reciprocal~~ teaching license in accordance with  
20 ~~sections 15.1-18-02 and 15.1-18-03 to an individual~~ to an applicant who holds a regular  
21 teaching license or certificate from another state, provided:
  - 22 a. The ~~individual's~~ applicant's licensure or certification is based upon a minimum of a  
23 bachelor's degree with a major that meets the issuing state's requirements in

- 1           early childhood education, elementary education, middle level education, or a  
2           content area taught at a public high school;
- 3           b. The ~~individual's~~applicant's licensure or certification is based upon the completion  
4           of a professional education sequence from a state-approved teacher education  
5           program and includes supervised student teaching;
- 6           c. The ~~individual~~applicant submits ~~to the~~ required fee and a criminal history record  
7           check, as required of initial applicants by this chapter; and
- 8           d. The criminal history record check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota  
9           applicant would be denied initial licensure; ~~and~~.
- 10          e. ~~The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to become~~  
11          ~~a licensed teacher in this state.~~
- 12          ~~2. An interim reciprocal license granted under this section is valid for two years.~~
- 13          ~~3. The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the plan required by subsection 1-~~  
14          ~~to the board prior to renewal of the interim reciprocal license.~~
- 15          ~~4. The board may renew the interim reciprocal license for one additional two-year period~~  
16          ~~if the board finds that the individual has demonstrated satisfactory progress.~~
- 17          ~~5. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal license granted under this section~~  
18          ~~is the equivalent of a teaching license granted under this chapter.~~
- 19          2. a. A license granted under this section is valid for two years if the applicant has not  
20             been licensed in another state for at least eighteen months. ~~In all other cases, a~~  
21             ~~license granted under this section is valid for five years.~~
- 22          b. Notwithstanding subdivision a, the board shall impose the following additional  
23             requirements upon certain individuals granted a teaching license under this  
24             section.
- 25          (1) If the individual received a teaching license or certificate from another state  
26             on or after January 1, 2002, and if the issuing state did not require that the  
27             individual pass a state test as a condition of licensure or certification, the  
28             board shall require that the individual, within two years from the date of  
29             licensure:
- 30          (a) Pass all state licensure tests normally required of applicants from this  
31             state; and

- 1 (b) Earn any college credits in native American or other multicultural  
2 courses as the board may prescribe.
- 3 (2) If the individual received a teaching license or certificate from another state  
4 before January 1, 2002, the board shall require that the individual, within  
5 two years from the date of licensure, earn any college credits in native  
6 American or multicultural courses as the board may prescribe.
- 7 c. In all other cases, a license granted under this section is valid for five years and  
8 is renewable if the licenseholder meets the reeducation requirements established  
9 for all five-year license renewals.

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