

Introduced by

Senator Schaible

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the criteria for teacher licensure; and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-13-10. Criteria for teacher licensure. (~~Effective through July 31, 2023~~)**

- 7 1. The board shall establish by rule the criteria for teacher licensure and the process for  
8 issuing teaching licenses. The criteria must include considerations of character,  
9 adequate educational preparation, and general fitness to teach.
- 10 2. The board may not require a teacher who graduated from an accredited teacher  
11 education program on or before September 1, 1980, to earn any college credits in  
12 native American or other multicultural courses as a condition of licensure or license  
13 renewal.
- 14 3. This section does not affect the validity of teaching certificates in effect on July 31,  
15 2001.
- 16 4. This section does not affect the qualifications for career and technical education  
17 certificates, as otherwise established by law.
- 18 5. The board shall grant an initial license to an individual who:  
19 a. Possesses a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;  
20 b. Passes a criminal history record check required by section 15.1-13-14; and  
21 c. Successfully completes an alternative teacher certification program.
- 22 6. An in-state alternative teacher certification program must operate in accordance with  
23 the procedures and program approval standards and requirements set by the board  
24 for teacher education programs for the licensure of educators.

- 1           7. An out-of-state alternative teacher certification program must:
- 2           a. Operate in at least five states;
- 3           b. Have operated an alternative teacher certification program for at least ten years;
- 4           c. Require applicants to pass a subject area and pedagogy examination, known as
- 5           the professional teaching knowledge examination, to receive certification; ~~and~~
- 6           d. Allow an individual who obtains an initial or renewal license to teach in the
- 7           subject areas of:
- 8           (1) Elementary education;
- 9           (2) Elementary education with a reading endorsement;
- 10          (3) English language arts;
- 11          (4) United States and world history;
- 12          (5) Mathematics;
- 13          (6) General science;
- 14          (7) Biology;
- 15          (8) Chemistry; and
- 16          (9) Physics;
- 17          e. Operate in accordance with the procedures and program approval standards and
- 18          requirements set by the board for teacher education programs for the licensure of
- 19          educators; and
- 20          f. Meet the procedures and program approval standards and requirements under
- 21          subdivision e by July 1, 2023.
- 22          8. An individual who obtains an initial license under subsection 5 is authorized to teach
- 23          the subject and educational levels for which the individual has successfully completed
- 24          the program described under subsection 5.
- 25          9. Upon completing two years of teaching under an initial license issued under
- 26          subsection 5, the licensee is eligible to apply for a five-year renewal license if the
- 27          individual:
- 28          a. Completes the program's clinical experience program and the North Dakota
- 29          teacher support system approved mentor program;
- 30          b. Meets the requirements of section 15.1-13-35 within two years of initial licensure;
- 31          and

- 1           c. Meets the requirements of human resources and cultural directives required  
2           coursework within two years of initial licensure which includes Native American  
3           studies, cultural diversity, strategies for creating learning environments that  
4           contribute to positive human relationships, and strategies for teaching and  
5           assessing diverse learners.

6           **~~Criteria for teacher licensure. (Effective after July 31, 2023)~~**

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13          ~~renewal.~~  
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15          ~~2001.~~  
16          ~~4. This section does not affect the qualifications for career and technical education-~~  
17          ~~certificates, as otherwise established by law.~~

18          **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY.** During the 2021-22 interim, the  
19          legislative management shall consider studying criteria for alternative teacher licensure. The  
20          legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
21          legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.