Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1370

Introduced by

Representatives Nottestad, Drovdal, Grumbo, L. Thoreson Senators Holmberg, Wardner

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to enforcement of requirements concerning teaching certificates; and to
- 3 amend and reenact section 15-36-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to
- 4 requirements to hold teaching certificates.

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

- 6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-36-11 of the 1997 Supplement to the North
- 7 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
- 8 **15-36-11. Certificate required.** A person Except as provided by section 2 of this Act,
- 9 <u>an individual</u> must hold a valid North Dakota teacher's certificate in order to be permitted or
- 10 employed to teach in any public school in this state.
- 11 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
- 12 created and enacted as follows:
- 13 **Exception to certificate requirement.** An individual without a valid certificate who is
- 14 teaching under contract with a school may teach and be employed to teach if approved by the
- 15 education standards and practices board. The education standards and practices board shall
- 16 establish by rule the terms and conditions of approval. The terms and conditions may include
- 17 payment of fines to the board, enrollment in and completion of continuing education courses,
- and a deadline for filing a completed application. Approval to teach and be employed to teach
- 19 without a valid North Dakota certificate may only be granted if the individual has previously held
- 20 a valid North Dakota certificate, currently holds a valid teaching certificate or license in another
- 21 jurisdiction, or has filed a completed application with the board.