

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-13-01 and section
2 15.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of the profession of
3 teaching and national board for professional teaching standards certification; to provide an
4 appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative council.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15.1-13-01 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 3. "Profession of teaching" means ~~the provision in a public school district of teaching~~
9 ~~services, administrative services, or other services, which require licensure by the~~
10 ~~education standards and practices board providing services in an approved school~~
11 as a teacher, counselor, librarian, curriculum director or supervisor, speech or
12 language therapist, school psychologist, special educator, or administrator.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15.1-18.1-02. National board certification program - Recertification - Board duties.**

- 16 1. The board shall:
- 17 a. Inform teachers of the national board certification program and the
18 scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking
19 certification.
- 20 b. Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications from
21 individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by
22 the board.
- 23 c. (1) Approve no more than seventeen applications per year under this
24 subsection;

- (2) During each year of the biennium, reserve three of the available scholarships under this subsection until October first for individuals teaching at low-performing schools. At that time, the three slots, if not filled, become available to all other applicants;
 - (3) Require the recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
 - (4) ~~Require~~ If available, require the recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
- d. Ensure that all scholarship recipients under this subsection receive adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to acquire certification.
2. The board shall collect and review in the order received scholarship applications for national board recertification from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board and:
 - a. Approve no more than ~~two~~ three scholarship applications per year under this subsection;
 - b. Require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
 - c. ~~Require~~ If available, require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
3. If any individual who receives a scholarship under this section does not complete the certification process within the time allotted by the board, the individual must reimburse the state an amount equal to one-half of the amount awarded to the individual as a scholarship.
4. The board shall pay to any individual who received national board certification after November 1, 2002, and before July 1, 2007, one thousand dollars for each year the individual has maintained and continues to maintain national board

certification, provided the individual continues to be employed by a school district in this state. An individual may not receive more than four thousand dollars under this subsection.

5. a. At the conclusion of each of the first four school years year after an individual receives national board certification, the board shall pay to an individual is entitled to receive an additional one thousand five hundred dollars for the life of the national board certificate if:

a. (1) The individual served was employed during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic by a school district in this state; and

b. (2) The individual participated in any efforts of the employing school district to develop and implement teacher mentoring programs.

b. The payment provided for in this subsection is available beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

6. A contract negotiated under chapter 15.1-16 may not preclude or limit the ability of a school district or any other entity, public or private, from providing any remuneration to a teacher who has obtained national board certification. Any remuneration received by a teacher as a consequence of having obtained national board certification is in addition to any other compensation otherwise payable as a result of any contract negotiated under chapter 15.1-16.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$85,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the education standards and practices board for the purpose of providing payments to recipients of national board certification and scholarships to individuals seeking national board certification, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009. This appropriation is not subject to cancellation at the close of each biennial period as otherwise required under section 54-44.1-11.

SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Before November 1, 2008, the education standards and practices board shall report to an interim committee designated by the legislative council regarding the payments made to individuals who hold national board certification as provided in section 15.1-18.1-02.