

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1270**

Introduced by

Representatives Hawken, R. Kelsch, Mueller

Senators Fischer, Freborg, Heckaman

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~~ 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.
- 21          b. Notwithstanding subdivision a, if the individual received a teaching license or  
22          certificate from another state on or after January 1, 2002, and if the issuing state  
23          did not require that the individual pass a state test as a condition of licensure or  
24          certification, the board shall require that the individual, within two years from the  
25          date of licensure, pass all state licensure tests normally required of applicants  
26          from this state.
- 27          c. In all other cases, a license granted under this section is valid for five years and  
28          is renewable if the licenseholder meets the reeducation requirements established  
29          for all five-year license renewals.

30          **SECTION 3.** Section 15.1-13-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.