

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1287**

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Becker, Jones, Paulson, Paur, Schauer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to initial teaching licenses for individuals completing alternative teacher certification  
3 program; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide an expiration date.

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

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

7 **15.1-13-10. Criteria for teacher licensure.**

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

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

1                   studies, cultural diversity, strategies for creating learning environments that  
2                   contribute to positive human relationships, and strategies for teaching and  
3                   assessing diverse learners.

4                   **SECTION 2. ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - REPORT TO**

5   **LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** The education standards and practices board shall provide the  
6   legislative management a status report during the 2019-20 interim and the 2021-22 interim  
7   regarding the number of teacher licenses issued under an alternative teacher certification  
8   program, the effectiveness of the program, the quality of instruction provided under the  
9   program, and whether the program is accomplishing desired objectives. The report must include  
10   a recommendation regarding continuation of the program.

11                  **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2023, and after that  
12   date is ineffective.