

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1531**

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Longmuir, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Zubke

Senators Rust, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to allowing individuals who do not have a teaching license to teach noncore subjects  
3 upon meeting certain criteria.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-18-10. Specialty areas - Teacher qualification.**

8 Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter:

- 9 1. An individual may teach art, business education, computer education, a foreign  
10 language, music, physical education, special education, and technology education at  
11 any grade level from kindergarten through grade eight, provided the individual:
- 12 a. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;  
13 b. Is approved to teach in that area by the education standards and practices board;  
14 and  
15 c. Meets all requirements set forth in rule by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 16 2. An individual may teach Native American languages provided the individual is an  
17 eminence-credentialed teacher.
- 18 3. An individual may teach in the areas of trade, industry, technical occupations, or health  
19 occupations, provided the individual has been issued a license to teach in such areas  
20 by the education standards and practices board.
- 21 4. An individual may teach any subject without a license issued by the board except  
22 mathematics, science, language arts, or social studies, if:
- 23 a. The individual teaches as a community expert in a geographical location in which  
24 a teacher shortage or critical need exists, as determined by the board in

1                   consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, upon written request by  
2                   the board of a school district to the board; and

3           b.   The individual:

4                   (1)   Completes at least two thousand hours of relevant work experience as a  
5                   teacher in the subject area to be taught within the preceding five years;

6                   (2)   Completes coursework in the subject area to be taught, as determined by  
7                   the board;

8                   (3)   Achieves a passing score on all required licensure examinations in the  
9                   subject area to be taught, as determined by the board; or

10                  (4)   Demonstrates necessary teaching experience in a field for which there is no  
11                  license.

12           5.   The board may authorize an individual to teach under subsection 4 for one year at a  
13           time. The board may renew the one-year authorization up to three times.