

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~~

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

~~b. The individual:~~

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

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

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

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

~~5. The board may authorize an individual to teach under subsection 4 for one year at a
time. The board may renew the one-year authorization up to three times. An individual
may teach part-time in any subject, except elementary education, mathematics,
science, language arts, and social studies, if the individual has a permit issued by the
board, has a high school diploma, and:~~

~~a. Possesses at least two thousand hours of relevant work experience in the
preceding five years in the subject area to be taught;~~

~~b. Possesses a certificate, license, or degree in the subject area to be taught; or~~

~~c. Achieves a passing score on the Praxis content test.~~

~~5. The board of a school district may authorize an individual to teach part-time under
subsection 4 for one year, up to a maximum of three years, if:~~

~~a. The administrator of a school within the district submits a written request to the
education standards and practices board which indicates the administrator is
unable to locate a qualified applicant and requests the education standards and
practices board issue a permit;~~

~~b. The individual successfully completes a background check conducted by the
education standards and practices board; and~~

~~c. The education standards and practices board issues a permit to the individual.~~