

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

Introduced by

Representatives Wardner, Aarsvold, Drovdal

Senators Freborg, Kelsh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the initial certification of teachers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Education standards and practices board - Initial certification of teachers -**

7 **Background.** The education standards and practices board shall check, or cause to be
8 checked, the background of each applicant for initial certification as a teacher. The board shall
9 require each applicant for certification to file a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints, taken
10 by a law enforcement officer, and all other information necessary to complete a state and
11 nationwide criminal history check with the bureau of criminal investigation for state processing
12 and filing with the federal bureau of investigation for federal processing. All costs associated
13 with the background check and with obtaining and processing the fingerprints are the
14 responsibility of the applicant. Criminal history records provided to the board pursuant to this
15 section are confidential and closed to the public and may only be used by the board for
16 determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure and obtaining documentation to support a
17 denial of licensure.