

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1216
(Representatives Wardner, Aarsvold, Drovdal)
(Senators Freborg, Kelsh)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the initial certification of teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Education standards and practices board - Initial certification of teachers - Background.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1216.

House Vote: Yeas 69 Nays 26 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 4 Absent 4

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State