

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Grumbo, Haas, Nottestad, Wikenheiser

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the interim reciprocal certification of teachers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Interim reciprocal teaching certificate - Period of validity.**

- 7 1. The education standards and practices board shall grant an interim reciprocal
8 teaching certificate in accordance with sections 15-47-46 and 15-41-25 to an
9 individual who holds a valid regular teaching license or certificate from another
10 state, provided:
- 11 a. The certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's degree with a
12 major that meets the issuing state's requirements in elementary education,
13 middle-level education, or a content area taught in public high school;
 - 14 b. The certification requires the completion of a professional education
15 sequence from a state-approved teacher education program, including
16 supervised student teaching;
 - 17 c. The individual submits to a background check as required of initial applicants
18 in section 15-38-18.2;
 - 19 d. The background check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota applicant
20 would be denied initial certification; and
 - 21 e. The individual submits a plan for meeting all requirements necessary to
22 become a certificated teacher in this state.
- 23 2. An interim reciprocal certificate granted under this section is valid for two years.
24 The individual shall submit evidence of progress on the individual's educational

- 1 plan to the education standards and practices board at the end of the two-year
2 period. The interim reciprocal certificate may be renewed for one additional
3 two-year period if satisfactory progress is demonstrated.
- 4 3. Notwithstanding any other law, an interim reciprocal certificate granted under this
5 section is the equivalent of a teaching certificate granted under chapter 15-36.