

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a mental retardation credential; to create and enact two new
2 sections to chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to create and
3 enact two new sections to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the
4 special education strategist credential; and to provide an expiration date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, a new section to
7 chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

8 **Special education strategist credential.** In addition to any other credential, the
9 superintendent of public instruction shall implement a special education strategist credential,
10 effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a special education strategist credential
11 and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special
12 education services in the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, and specific
13 learning disabilities.

14 **SECTION 2.** If House Bill No. 1045 does not become effective, a new section to
15 chapter 15-47 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

16 **Provisional special education strategist credential.** Beginning August 1, 2001, upon
17 application the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a provisional special education
18 strategist credential to any individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and
19 practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who
20 holds a credential applicable to the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, or
21 specific learning disabilities. The provisional credential must be made available to the
22 individual for the lesser of three years or the period of time required by the individual to
23 complete the requirements for a special education strategist credential.

1 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 created and enacted as follows:

3 **Special education strategist credential.** In addition to any other credential, the
4 superintendent of public instruction shall implement a special education strategist credential,
5 effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a special education strategist credential
6 and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special
7 education services in the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, and specific
8 learning disabilities.

9 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 created and enacted as follows:

11 **Provisional special education strategist credential.** Beginning August 1, 2001, upon
12 application the superintendent of public instruction shall issue a provisional special education
13 strategist credential to any individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and
14 practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and who
15 holds a credential applicable to the areas of mental retardation, emotional disturbance, or
16 specific learning disabilities. The provisional credential must be made available to the
17 individual for the lesser of three years or the period of time required by the individual to
18 complete the requirements for a special education strategist credential.

19 **SECTION 5. MENTAL RETARDATION CREDENTIAL.** In addition to any other
20 credential, the superintendent of public instruction may implement a mental retardation
21 credential effective August 1, 2001. Any individual who obtains a mental retardation credential
22 and meets all other teacher licensure requirements imposed by statute may provide special
23 education services in the area of mental retardation.

24 **SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 5 of this Act is effective through June 30,
25 2003, and after that date is ineffective.