

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273  
(Representatives Meier, Haas, Hawken, Nottestad)  
(Senators Dever, Wardner)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the payment of signing bonuses by school boards.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**School board authority - Payment of signing bonuses.**

1. The board of a school district may offer and, upon the signing of the contract by both parties, pay a signing bonus to an individual who:
  - a. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board;
  - b. Has signed a contract of employment to serve as a classroom teacher in the district; and
  - c. Was not employed as a classroom teacher by the board of a school district in this state during the previous school year.
2. The board may pay to the individual the signing bonus authorized by subsection 1 in:
  - a. One lump sum upon the individual signing a contract of employment; or
  - b. Installments over a period of time not to exceed three years from the date the individual signed a contract of employment.
3. A signing bonus paid under this section:
  - a. Is in addition to any amount payable under a negotiated teachers' contract;
  - b. May not be included in the district's negotiated salary schedule; and
  - c. May not be included as salary for continuing contract purposes.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1273.

House Vote:      Yeas    61      Nays    31      Absent    2

Senate Vote:    Yeas    25      Nays    20      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State