

HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to teacher qualifications; to amend and reenact sections 15.1-18-02 and
3 15.1-18-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher qualifications; and to provide
4 an effective date.

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

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

8 **Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

- 9 1. "Instruct in a self-contained classroom" means a teacher conducts all instruction of
10 the grade-level curriculum in a single classroom setting. The instruction may
11 involve more than one grade level if the grade levels are combined into the single
12 classroom setting.
13 2. "Middle-level or junior high school setting" means instruction of students in grades
14 five through eight but does not include instruction in a self-contained classroom.

15 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **15.1-18-02. Kindergarten through grade eight - Teacher qualifications –**

18 **Exceptions.**

- 19 1. In order to teach kindergarten, an individual must:
20 a. Be licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board ~~or~~
21 ~~approved to teach by the education standards and practices board~~ and have
22 ~~a kindergarten~~ an early childhood education major or endorsement; ~~or and~~
23 b. ~~Be licensed to teach by~~ Have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the
24 education standards and practices board ~~or approved to teach by the~~

- 1 ~~education standards and practices board and demonstrate to the satisfaction~~
2 ~~of the education standards and practices board that the individual will obtain a~~
3 ~~kindergarten endorsement within two years from the date of the assignment to~~
4 ~~teach by passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in areas~~
5 ~~of the kindergarten curriculum.~~
- 6 2. In order to ~~teach any~~ instruct in a self-contained classroom in a grade from one
7 through eight six, an individual must:
- 8 a. Be licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board ~~or~~
9 ~~approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and have~~
10 ~~a major, a minor, or an endorsement in elementary education~~ major or
11 endorsement; or and
- 12 b. ~~Be licensed to teach by~~ Have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the
13 ~~education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the~~
14 ~~education standards and practices board and demonstrate to the satisfaction~~
15 ~~of the education standards and practices board that the individual will obtain~~
16 ~~an endorsement in~~ passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills
17 in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of basic elementary
18 ~~education within two years from the date of the assignment to teach any~~
19 ~~grade from one through eight school curriculum.~~
- 20 3. ~~Notwithstanding subsection 2, an individual may~~ In order to teach any grade from
21 in each of the academic subjects in which the teacher teaches in a middle-level or
22 junior high school setting, in grades five through eight if the, an individual:
- 23 a. ~~Is~~ must be licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board
24 ~~or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and has~~
25 ~~have a major or an endorsement in middle school~~ middle-level or elementary
26 education and have either:
- 27 a. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the education and standards practices
28 board by passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in each
29 of the academic subjects which the teacher teaches; or
- 30 b. ~~Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or~~
31 ~~approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and~~

1 ~~demonstrates to the satisfaction of~~ Demonstrated competence in all academic
2 subjects in which the teacher teaches based on a uniform state standard
3 portfolio evaluation administered by the education standards and practices
4 board ~~that the individual will obtain an endorsement in middle school~~
5 ~~education within two years from the date of assignment to teach any grade~~
6 ~~from five through eight.~~

7 4. Notwithstanding subsection ~~2~~ 3, an individual may teach grade ~~five, six, seven,~~ or
8 eight if the individual is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices
9 board ~~or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board and,~~
10 has a major or a minor in ~~the assigned course area or field~~ in each academic
11 subject in which the teacher teaches, and has either:

12 a. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the education standards and practices
13 board by passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in the
14 teaching area; or

15 b. Demonstrated competence in all academic subjects in which the teacher
16 teaches based on a uniform state standard portfolio evaluation by the
17 education standards and practices board.

18 5. Notwithstanding ~~subsection~~ subsections 1, 2, and 3, an individual may teach
19 special education, foreign language, art, music, physical education, business
20 education, and computer education at any grade level from kindergarten through
21 eight, provided the individual is licensed to teach by the education standards and
22 practices board ~~or approved to teach by the education standards and practices~~
23 ~~board and meets the requirements imposed by the superintendent of public~~
24 instruction, has a major or minor in the subject in which the teacher teaches, and
25 has either:

26 a. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the education standards and practices
27 board by passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in
28 teaching the subject taught; or

29 b. Demonstrated competence in all academic subjects in which the teacher
30 teaches based on a uniform state standard portfolio evaluation by the
31 education standards and practices board.

1 6. ~~An individual may obtain an endorsement by completing teaching requirements~~
2 ~~and the minimum number of credit hours in courses prescribed by the education~~
3 ~~standards and practices board.~~

4 7. This section does not apply to an eminence-credentialed teacher.

5 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-18-03. Grades nine through twelve - Teacher qualifications –~~Exceptions.~~**

8 1. In order to teach any grade nine through twelve, an individual must be licensed to
9 teach by the education standards and practices board ~~or approved to teach by the~~
10 ~~education standards and practices board~~ and have a major, ~~a~~ or minor, ~~or a minor~~
11 ~~equivalency endorsement issued by the board in the course area or field being~~
12 ~~taught by the individual~~ in the subject in which the teacher teaches, and have
13 ~~either:~~

14 a. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the education and standards practices
15 board by passing a state test, subject knowledge and teaching skills in the
16 teaching area; or

17 b. Demonstrated competence in all academic subjects in which the teacher
18 teaches based on a uniform state standard portfolio evaluation administered
19 by the education standards and practices board.

20 2. The approval status of a high school is not impacted by the employment of an
21 individual who has a teaching license issued by the education standards and
22 practices board in the disciplines of trade, industrial, technical, or health under
23 chapter 15-20.1 but ~~has neither~~ does not have a major ~~nor a minor~~ in the assigned
24 field.

25 3. ~~A minor equivalency granted to an individual by the superintendent of public~~
26 ~~instruction under prior authority remains valid.~~

27 4. Subsection 1 does not apply to an eminence-credentialed teacher.

28 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective July 1, 2006.