

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2057**

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-13-01 and section  
2 15.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of the profession of  
3 teaching and national board for professional teaching standards certification; to provide an  
4 appropriation; and to provide for a report to the legislative council.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15.1-13-01 of the North Dakota  
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 3. "Profession of teaching" means ~~the provision in a public school district of teaching~~  
9 ~~services, administrative services, or other services, which require licensure by the~~  
10 ~~education standards and practices board~~ providing services in an approved school  
11 as a teacher, counselor, librarian, curriculum director or supervisor, speech or  
12 language therapist, school psychologist, special educator, or administrator.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code  
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **15.1-18.1-02. National board certification program - Recertification - Board duties.**

- 16 1. The board shall:
- 17 a. Inform teachers of the national board certification program and the
  - 18 scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking
  - 19 certification.
  - 20 b. Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications from
  - 21 individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by
  - 22 the board.
  - 23 c. (1) Approve no more than seventeen applications per year under this
  - 24 subsection;

- 1                   (2) During each year of the biennium, reserve three of the available  
2                   scholarships under this subsection until October first for individuals  
3                   teaching at low-performing schools. At that time, the three slots, if not  
4                   filled, become available to all other applicants;
- 5                   (3) Require the recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve  
6                   during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or  
7                   nonpublic school in this state; and
- 8                   (4) ~~Require~~ If available, require the recipient for a scholarship under this  
9                   subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and  
10                  implemented in the employing school or school district.
- 11                 d. Ensure that all scholarship recipients under this subsection receive adequate  
12                  information regarding the level of commitment required to acquire  
13                  certification.
- 14                 2. The board shall collect and review in the order received scholarship applications  
15                  for national board recertification from individuals who are licensed to teach by the  
16                  board or approved to teach by the board and:
- 17                 a. Approve no more than ~~two~~ three scholarship applications per year under this  
18                  subsection;
- 19                 b. Require each recipient for a scholarship under this subsection to serve during  
20                  the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic  
21                  school in this state; and
- 22                 c. ~~Require~~ If available, require each recipient for a scholarship under this  
23                  subsection to participate in mentoring programs developed and implemented  
24                  in the employing school or school district.
- 25                 3. If any individual who receives a scholarship under this section does not complete  
26                  the certification process within the time allotted by the board, the individual must  
27                  reimburse the state an amount equal to one-half of the amount awarded to the  
28                  individual as a scholarship.
- 29                 4. The board shall pay to any individual who received national board certification after  
30                  November 1, 2002, and before July 1, 2007, one thousand dollars for each year  
31                  the individual has maintained and continues to maintain national board

1           certification, provided the individual continues to be employed by a school district  
2           in this state. An individual may not receive more than four thousand dollars under  
3           this subsection.

4           5. a. At the conclusion of each of the first four school years year after an individual  
5           receives national board certification, the board shall pay to an individual is  
6           entitled to receive an additional one thousand five hundred dollars for the life  
7           of the national board certificate if:

8           a- (1) The individual served was employed during the school year as a  
9           full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic by a school district  
10           in this state; and

11           b- (2) The individual participated in any efforts of the employing school district  
12           to develop and implement teacher mentoring programs.

13           b. The payment provided for in this subsection is available beginning with the  
14           2007-08 school year.

15           6. A contract negotiated under chapter 15.1-16 may not preclude or limit the ability of  
16           a school district or any other entity, public or private, from providing any  
17           remuneration to a teacher who has obtained national board certification. Any  
18           remuneration received by a teacher as a consequence of having obtained national  
19           board certification is in addition to any other compensation otherwise payable as a  
20           result of any contract negotiated under chapter 15.1-16.

21           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
22           general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$85,000, or so much  
23           of the sum as may be necessary, to the education standards and practices board for the  
24           purpose of providing payments to recipients of national board certification and scholarships to  
25           individuals seeking national board certification, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and  
26           ending June 30, 2009. This appropriation is not subject to cancellation at the close of each  
27           biennial period as otherwise required under section 54-44.1-11.

28           **SECTION 4. REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** Before November 1, 2008, the  
29           education standards and practices board shall report to an interim committee designated by the  
30           legislative council regarding the payments made to individuals who hold national board  
31           certification as provided in section 15.1-18.1-02.