

Introduced by

Education Committee

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

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-18-07 and 15.1-18-09 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the school grades that require elementary or high school
3 teacher qualifications; and to repeal section 15.1-18-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,
4 relating to middle school teacher qualifications.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-18-07. Elementary school teacher qualifications.**

- 9 1. In order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through six,
10 ~~or in order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through~~
11 ~~eight~~, an individual must be:
- 12 a. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to
13 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
 - 14 b. (1) Have a major in elementary education; or
15 (2) Have a major equivalency in elementary education.
- 16 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, an individual may teach any grade
17 from one through three in an elementary school provided the individual is:
- 18 a. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to
19 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
 - 20 b. (1) Has a major in early childhood education; or
21 (2) Has a major equivalency in early childhood education.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-18-09. High school qualifications.**

2 In order to teach grades ~~seven~~five through twelve, an individual must be:

- 3 1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to
4 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
- 5 2. a. Have a major in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the education
6 standards and practices board as core academic areas;
- 7 b. Have a major equivalency in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the
8 education standards and practices board as core academic areas; or
- 9 c. Have a major, a major equivalency, a minor, or a minor equivalency in each area
10 taught by the individual ~~and not defined by the education standards and practices~~
11 ~~board as a core academic area.~~

12 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-18-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.