

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1098**

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.~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to  
5 chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher requirements for  
6 prekindergarten and kindergarten; to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of  
7 section 15.1-07-32 and section 15.1-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
8 teacher requirements; and to repeal sections 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the  
9 North Dakota Century Code, relating to elementary, middle, and high school teacher  
10 qualifications.

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

12 ~~— **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
13 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

14 ~~— **15.1-18-07. Elementary school teacher qualifications.**~~

15 ~~— 1. In order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through six,~~  
16 ~~or in order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through~~  
17 ~~eight, an individual must be:~~

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) Have a major in elementary education; or~~

21 ~~— (2) Have a major equivalency in elementary education.~~

22 ~~— 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, an individual may teach any grade~~  
23 ~~from one through three in an elementary school provided the individual is:~~

1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ a. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to~~  
2 ~~teach by the education standards and practices board; and~~

3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ b. (1) Has a major in early childhood education; or~~

4 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Has a major equivalency in early childhood education.~~

5 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~  
6 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

7 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ **15.1-18-09. High school qualifications.**~~

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

9 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to~~  
10 ~~teach by the education standards and practices board; and~~

11 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. a. Have a major in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the education~~  
12 ~~standards and practices board as core academic areas;~~

13 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ b. Have a major equivalency in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the~~  
14 ~~education standards and practices board as core academic areas; or~~

15 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ c. Have a major, a major equivalency, a minor, or a minor equivalency in each area~~  
16 ~~taught by the individual and not defined by the education standards and practices~~  
17 ~~board as a core academic area.~~

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

19 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 of the  
20 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 a. Meet the ~~qualifications~~**requirements** of an elementary school teacher as set forth  
22 in section ~~15.1-18-07~~**3 of this Act**; or

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

25 **15.1-18-02. Prekindergarten and kindergarten teacher ~~qualifications~~**  
26 **~~Exceptions~~**requirements**.**

27 In order to teach prekindergarten and kindergarten, an individual must be:

28 1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to  
29 teach by the education standards and practices board; and

30 2. a. Have a major in elementary education and a kindergarten endorsement;

- 1           b. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and a kindergarten
- 2           endorsement;
- 3           c. Have a major in elementary education and an early childhood education
- 4           endorsement;
- 5           d. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and an early childhood
- 6           education endorsement;
- 7           e. Have a major in early childhood education; ~~or~~
- 8           f. Have a major equivalency in early childhood education; or
- 9           g. Have a minor in early childhood education.

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

12           **Grades one through twelve - Teacher requirements.**

13           1. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board  
14           or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any  
15           grade from one through eight, provided the individual meets any requirements  
16           established in accordance with section 15.1-18-10 and has:

- 17           a. A major in elementary education; or
- 18           b. A major equivalency in elementary education.

19           2. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board  
20           or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any  
21           grade from five through eight, provided the individual has:

- 22           a. A major in middle level education; or
- 23           b. A major equivalency in middle level education.

24           3. An individual who is licensed to teach at the secondary level by the education  
25           standards and practices board or approved to teach at the secondary level by the  
26           education standards and practices board may teach any area at any grade from five  
27           through twelve, provided the individual has:

- 28           a. A major in the area being taught;
- 29           b. A major equivalency in the area being taught;
- 30           c. A minor in the area being taught; or
- 31           d. A minor equivalency in the area being taught.

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**SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Sections 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.