

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1287**

Introduced by

Representatives Satrom, Becker, Jones, Paulson, Paur, Schauer

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to initial teaching licenses for individuals completing alternative teacher certification  
3 program.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-13-10. Criteria for teacher licensure.**

- 8 1. The board shall establish by rule the criteria for teacher licensure and the process for  
9 issuing teaching licenses. The criteria must include considerations of character,  
10 adequate educational preparation, and general fitness to teach.
- 11 2. The board may not require a teacher who graduated from an accredited teacher  
12 education program on or before September 1, 1980, to earn any college credits in  
13 native American or other multicultural courses as a condition of licensure or license  
14 renewal.
- 15 3. This section does not affect the validity of teaching certificates in effect on July 31,  
16 2001.
- 17 4. This section does not affect the qualifications for career and technical education  
18 certificates, as otherwise established by law.
- 19 5. The board shall grant an initial license to an individual who:
  - 20 a. Possesses a bachelor's degree;
  - 21 b. Passes a criminal history record check required by section 15.1-13-14; and
  - 22 c. Successfully completes the American board for certification of teacher excellence  
23 alternative teacher certification program.

- 1       6. An individual who obtains an initial license under subsection 5 is authorized to teach  
2       the subject and educational levels for which the individual has successfully completed  
3       the American board for certification of teacher excellence alternative teacher  
4       certification program. Upon completing two years of teaching under a license issued  
5       under subsection 5, the licensee is eligible to apply for a five-year renewal license.