

SECTION 8. A new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Teaching license - Reading instruction competency .

1. Beginning the 2022-2023 school year, the board shall ensure a candidate for teacher licensure demonstrates

competencies in beginning reading instruction based on the reading science. Competencies must include the acquisition of knowledge of the essential components of beginning reading instruction, including:

- a. Phonemic awareness;
- b. Phonics;
- c. Fluency;
- d. Vocabulary;
- e. Comprehension;
- f. How to assess student reading ability; and
- g. How to identify and correct reading difficulties.

2. A prekindergarten, kindergarten, elementary and special education initial teacher licensure candidate must complete:

a. At least nine semester hours of reading which include a focus on the components under subsection 1; and

3. A secondary and prekindergarten-twelfth grade education initial teacher licensure candidate must complete:

a. At least three semester hours of reading in the content area to be taught which includes a focus on vocabulary, comprehension, and writing.

3. A teacher licensure candidate satisfies the requirements of this section if the candidate demonstrates the candidate has received training in competencies related to reading instruction from an accredited or approved program, or demonstrates mastery of the topics provided under subsection 1. ~~proficiency in competencies related to~~

~~reading instruction.~~ The board may issue a provisional license for up to two years to a teacher licensure candidate who does not meet the requirements of this section.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-20