

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1498**

Introduced by

Representatives Maki, Monson, Richter

Senator Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the authority of a school board to pay a first-year signing bonus for  
3 teachers; to amend and reenact section 15-20.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
4 to the powers and duties of center boards; and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **School board authority - First-year bonus - Payment.**

- 9 1. The board of a school district may offer a first-year signing bonus to an individual who:  
10 a. Is licensed or approved by the education standards and practices board;  
11 b. Has signed a contract of employment in the district; and  
12 c. Was not a classroom teacher in the state during the previous school year.  
13 2. A bonus paid under this section:  
14 a. Is in addition to an amount payable under a negotiated teachers' contract.  
15 b. May not be included in the district's negotiated salary schedule.  
16 c. May not be included as salary for continuing contract purposes.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-20.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **15-20.2-07. Powers and duties of center boards.**

20 The powers and duties of a center board are as follows:

- 21 1. To supervise, manage, and control an area career and technology center established  
22 by the cooperating school districts pursuant to this chapter.

- 1        2. To provide career and technical education programs approved by the state board.
- 2        3. To contract with, employ, or pay personnel to administer the affairs and to teach in the
- 3            area career and technology center, and to remove for cause any personnel when the
- 4            interests of the area career and technology center may require it; provided, that
- 5            personnel employed by a center board shall have the same statutory rights as
- 6            provided by law for personnel employed by public school districts.
- 7        4. To lease, acquire, or purchase career and technical education equipment for an area
- 8            career and technology center.
- 9        5. To lease, acquire, purchase, or sell career and technical education facilities, including
- 10           real property, for an area career and technology center; provided, that any purchase or
- 11           sale of real property must first be approved by two-thirds of the school boards of the
- 12           participating school districts.
- 13        6. To receive and administer any private, local, state, or federal funds provided for the
- 14           operation and maintenance of an area career and technology center.
- 15        7. To enter into contracts consistent with the other powers and duties provided for by this
- 16           chapter.
- 17        8. To accept real or personal property available for distribution by the United States or
- 18           any of its departments or agencies and also to accept federal grants that may be
- 19           made available in the field of career and technical education.
- 20        9. To offer a first-year signing bonus to an individual who is licensed or approved by the
- 21           education standards and practices board, has signed a contract of employment with
- 22           the center board, and was not a classroom teacher in the state during the previous
- 23           school year. A bonus paid under this subsection:
- 24           a. Is in addition to an amount payable under a negotiated teachers' contract.
- 25           b. May not be included in the center board's negotiated salary schedule.
- 26           c. May not be included as salary for continuing contract purposes.

27        **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.