

TESTIMONY ON HB 1261
Senate EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Chairman Beard and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mary McCarvel-O'Connor, and I am the Director of the Office of Specially Designed Services with the Department of Public Instruction. I am here to speak on behalf of the ND Department of Public Instruction in favor of HB 1261 regarding repealing the North Dakota Century Code 15.1-18-05 and 15.1-18-06 relating to special education strategist credentials and provisional special education strategist credentials.

Before July 1, 2008, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction issued special education credentials. On July 1, 2008, the authority to issue special education endorsements was transferred to the Education Standards and Practices Board. The repealing of North Dakota Century Code 15.1-18-05 and 15.1-18-06 serves as a clean-up bill to align with the current practices of issuing special education endorsements.

Chairman Beard and Members of the Committee that concludes my prepared testimony, and I will stand for any questions that you may have.