

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1238

Introduced by

Representatives Ista, Hager, Heinert, Jonas, Murphy, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck
Senators Axtman, Boschee, Cleary, Rummel

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact ~~section~~sections 15.1-13-17 and 15.1-13-12.1 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the requirements for a teaching license and the
3 reporting requirements for a lifetime teaching license.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-13-17. Teaching license - Requirements - Exceptions.**

- 8 1. An individual may not engage in the profession of teaching unless:
- 9 a. The individual holds a teaching license issued by the board; or
- 10 b. The individual is approved to teach by the board.
- 11 2. An individual may be approved to teach by the board only if the individual has
- 12 previously held a North Dakota teaching certificate or license, holds a teaching
- 13 certificate or license issued by another state, or has filed a completed application for
- 14 licensure with the board.
- 15 3. The board shall grant a teaching license to an applicant who is a military spouse or
- 16 military member who meets the requirements of section 43-51-11.1.
- 17 4. The board shall adopt rules establishing the terms and conditions under which an
- 18 individual may be approved to teach, as provided for in this section. The terms and
- 19 conditions may include the payment of a fine to the board in an amount not exceeding
- 20 two hundred fifty dollars per incident, enrollment in and completion of continuing

1 education courses, and submission of a completed application for licensure by a date
2 certain.

3 5. The board shall research and may provide low and no-cost continuing education
4 courses for teachers to satisfy requirements for teaching license renewal.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-13-12.1. Teaching license - Lifetime licensure - Report to the board.**

8 1. If an individual has been licensed to teach in this state for a period of ~~thirty~~twenty
9 years, the education standards and practices board shall grant the individual lifetime
10 licensure.

11 2. Nothing in this section precludes the board from taking any action against an
12 individual's lifetime license if the board determines that the action is warranted under
13 this chapter.

14 3. An individual holding a lifetime license who is or intends to be employed as a teacher
15 shall provide a report to the board at least once every five years. The report:

16 a. Must be made in the form and manner prescribed by the board.

17 b. May not cause the individual holding a lifetime license to incur any cost.

18 c. Must disclose:

19 (1) Whether the individual has violated a criminal statute since the issuance of
20 the lifetime license or the last report; and

21 (2) Any information that may cause the individual's teaching license to be
22 revoked or suspended.