

SENATE BILL NO. 2333

Introduced by

Senators Freborg, Grindberg, G. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to teacher certification requirements; and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Teacher certification - National teacher's examination.** As a condition of initial
7 certification, the education standards and practices board shall require that an applicant pass
8 the basic portion of the national teacher's examination. As a condition of any recertification, the
9 education standards and practices board shall require that an applicant pass the full national
10 teacher's examination. The education standards and practices board shall place any teacher
11 who fails to pass the national teacher's examination for recertification on probation for a period
12 of six months. If within that time the individual seeking recertification is not able to successfully
13 pass the national teacher's examination, the board shall deny recertification. An applicant for
14 initial certification or recertification must bear the cost of the national teacher's examination.

15 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

16 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
17 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the
18 sum as may be necessary, to the superintendent of public instruction for the
19 purpose of awarding teacher professional development grants to school districts,
20 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

21 2. a. Each school district is entitled to receive a grant as provided in this Act not
22 exceeding \$50,000, provided the district submits an application to the
23 superintendent of public instruction outlining its proposal for expending the
24 funds and the superintendent approves the application.

- 1 b. The superintendent of public instruction may not approve an application for
2 grant funds unless the application includes specific information regarding the
3 type of teacher professional development activities to be provided, how the
4 provided activities will contribute to the implementation of the district's
5 comprehensive professional development plan, the time, place, and manner
6 in which the activities will be provided, a list of participants and presenters, a
7 list of specific teacher, school, and school district needs to be addressed and
8 a description of the manner in which the activities will meet these needs, and
9 the method to be used for assessing both the teacher professional
10 development activities and any changes in teacher effectiveness and student
11 learning resulting from the activities.
- 12 c. The superintendent of public instruction may develop additional criteria for the
13 approval of grant applications under this section.
- 14 3. No teacher professional development activities funded under this Act may take
15 place during hours of classroom instruction that are counted toward a full day of
16 instruction for purposes of foundation aid.