

SENATE BILL NO. 2183

Introduced by

Senators Freborg, G. Nelson, Wanzek

Representatives DeKrey, R. Kelsch

- 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 payment of teacher signing bonuses by school boards.

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

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

6 **School district teacher signing bonus - Payment.**

- 7 1. Notwithstanding any compensation agreements negotiated between the board of a
8 school district and a teachers' organization, the board of a school district may offer
9 and pay a signing bonus to an individual who:
10 a. Holds a baccalaureate degree or a graduate degree from an institution of
11 higher education;
12 b. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or
13 approved to teach by the education standards and practices board; and
14 c. Accepts a job as a classroom teacher for the first time since graduating from
15 an institution of higher education.
16 2. The board may pay the signing bonus in one lump sum or extend the payments
17 over a period not to exceed five years.