



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck ND

Mr. Chairman and members of the Administrative Rules Committee, I am Janet Welk, executive director of the Education Standards and Practices Board and wish to testify on the rules published in the July 2008 supplement to the North Dakota Administrative Code.

This rule change resulted from the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly and other needed changes to facilitate schools and districts securing qualified teachers. We have allowed student teachers to substitute teach at the end of their program prior to graduation, implemented finger printing for all students teachers from North Dakota approved teacher education programs, allowed veteran teachers to immediately apply for the 30-year life license upon eligibility, included requirements for minor equivalencies including driver education, and added special education endorsements.

The rules procedure used in adopting the rules included:

- 1) The Letter of Intent to Amend Rules to the Legislative Council on October 15, 2007;
- 2) Notice to all interested parties on October 15, 2007;

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3) Publication with the North Dakota Newspaper Association

November 5, 2007;

4) A public hearing on November 27, 2007 in the Roosevelt Room in the Capitol;

5) Written public comment period until December 11, 2007;

6) Final approval of the administrative rules by the Education Standards and Practices Board at their December 12, 2007 monthly meeting;

7) Examination by the Attorney General's Office with an opinion of the rules being in compliance received February 12, 2008; and

8) Final submission for review and publication on the North Dakota Administrative Code with the Legislative Council on March 14, 2008.

This rule is not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000 and there was no regulatory analysis completed.

The approximately cost of giving public notice, holding hearings and staff time is approximately \$3,500.

If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer questions at this time. Thank you for your time and consideration given these rule changes.