

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-08 and 15.1-13-14 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, causing to be checked the criminal history record of each applicant for student
3 teaching licensure, initial licensure and reentry licensure as a teacher in accordance with
4 section 12-60-24.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-13-08. Board duties.** The board shall:

- 9 1. Supervise the licensure of student teachers and of teachers.
- 10 2. Set standards for and approve teacher preparation programs.
- 11 3. Seek the advice of teachers, administrators, school board members, teacher
12 education professors, and other interested citizens in developing and updating
13 codes or standards of ethics, conduct, professional performance, and professional
14 practices.
- 15 4. Adopt, in accordance with chapter 28-32, codes or standards of ethics, conduct,
16 professional performance, and professional practices.
- 17 5. Make recommendations for the inservice education of individuals engaged in the
18 profession of teaching.
- 19 6. Issue major equivalency endorsements and minor equivalency endorsements.
- 20 7. Appoint an executive director to serve at its discretion.
- 21 8. Authorize the executive director to employ personnel, subject to approval by the
22 board.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-13-14. Initial and reentry licensure of teachers - Criminal history record**
2 **check.** The board shall check, or cause to be checked, the criminal history record of each
3 applicant for student teaching licensure, initial licensure and reentry licensure as a teacher in
4 accordance with section 12-60-24. All costs associated with the background check and with
5 obtaining and processing the fingerprints are the responsibility of the applicant. Criminal history
6 records provided to the board pursuant to this section are confidential and closed to the public
7 and may only be used by the board for determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure and
8 obtaining documentation to support a denial of licensure.