

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2084

Introduced by

Education Committee

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

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-13-08 and 15.1-13-14 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing student teachers.

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

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

6 **15.1-13-08. Board duties.** The board shall:

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

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

23 **15.1-13-14. ~~Initial and reentry licensure~~ Licensure of teachers and student**

24 **teachers - Criminal history record check.** The board shall check, or cause to be checked,

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