

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1114**

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Owens

Senator Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-18.2-05 and 15.1-18.2-06 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the expansion of the teacher support program to provide  
3 mentoring to all first- and second-year teachers in the state; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-18.2-05. Teacher support program - Establishment.**

8 The education standards and practices board shall:

- 9 1. Establish and administer a teacher support program;
- 10 2. Employ ~~an individual~~individuals to serve as a teacher support program  
11 ~~coordinator~~coordinators;
- 12 3. a. Select and train experienced teachers who will serve as mentors for  
13 ~~first-year~~first- and second-year teachers and assist the ~~first-year~~first- and  
14 second-year teachers with instructional skills development; or
- 15 b. If a school district or other employing entity listed in section 15.1-18.2-07 is not in  
16 need of mentors for its ~~first-year~~first- or second-year teachers, select and train  
17 experienced teachers who will work with school district administrators and  
18 administrators from the other employing entities to identify the needs of ~~the-~~  
19 ~~non-first-year~~ teachers with more than two years teaching experience and help  
20 ~~the non-first-year~~ teachers address their particular needs through the use of:  
21 (1) Research-validated interventions; and  
22 (2) Proven instructional methods.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.2-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **15.1-18.2-06. Teacher support program - Availability of services.**

2       1.   The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the  
3       teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and  
4       stipends for mentors and experienced teachers who assist ~~first-year and non-first-year~~  
5       teachers participating in the program, and to pay for any other administrative  
6       expenses resulting from the program; provided, however, ~~that~~ the board may not  
7       expend more than five percent of the moneys for administrative purposes.

8       2.   Any funds provided by the department of public instruction to the education standards  
9       and practices board for the teacher support program first must be used to provide  
10      support to first-year teachers, if any, participating in the program, and any remaining  
11      funds must be used to provide support for second-year teachers, if any, participating in  
12      the program, except as provided in subsection 3 of section 15.1-18.2-05.

13      **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
14      fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the  
15      sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing a  
16      grant to the education standards and practices board to administer and expand the teacher  
17      support program to provide support for all first- and second-year teachers in the state, for the  
18      biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The funds appropriated are in  
19      addition to funds provided in the department of public instruction's base budget, for a total  
20      appropriation of \$5,000,000, for the department to grant to the education standards and  
21      practices board to administer the program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending  
22      June 30, 2023.