

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2250

Introduced by

Senators Davison, Axtman, Rust

Representatives Pyle, Schreiber-Beck

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 include
3 support for teachers in their second, third, and fourth years of teaching; and to provide an
4 appropriation.

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

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

8 **15.1-18.2-05. Teacher support program - Establishment.**

9 The education standards and practices board shall:

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

1 3. Employ staff to support the teacher support program coordinator who will work with
2 school administrators to select and train experienced teachers who will serve as
3 mentors for a cohort of teachers in their second, third, or fourth year of teaching. A
4 teacher mentor shall facilitate support through regular sessions and other
5 communication. The cohorts of teachers may include role-alike educators who may be
6 from different schools and districts.

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

9 **15.1-18.2-06. Teacher support program - Availability of services.**

10 1. The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the
11 teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and
12 stipends for mentors and experienced teachers who assist first-year and non-first-year
13 teachers participating in the program serve under subsection 2 of section 15.1-18.2-05,
14 and to pay for any other administrative expenses resulting from the program; provided,
15 however, that the board may not expend more than five percent of the moneys for
16 administrative purposes.

17 2. Subject to legislative appropriations, the education standards and practices board
18 shall provide compensation to:

- 19 a. Mentors who serve under subsection 3 of section 15.1-18.2-05; and
20 b. Staff employed under subsection 3 of section 15.1-18.2-05 a sum approved by
21 the education standards and practices board, not exceeding one hundred
22 thousand dollars per year for salary and benefits.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - TEACHER**
24 **SUPPORT PROGRAM.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the
25 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much of the sum as may
26 be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing funding to the
27 education standards and practices board to compensate mentors and staff providing support for
28 teachers in their second, third, and fourth years of teaching, for the biennium beginning July 1,
29 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.