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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1098

Introduced by

Education Committee

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

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher requirements for prekindergarten and kindergarten; to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 and section 15.1-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher requirements;~~ and~~ to repeal sections 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elementary, middle, and high school teacher qualifications; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

a. Meet the ~~qualifications~~requirements of an elementary school teacher as set forth in section ~~15.1-18-07~~3 of this Act; or

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-18-02. Prekindergarten and kindergarten teacher ~~qualifications - Exceptions~~requirements.

In order to teach prekindergarten and kindergarten, an individual must be:

1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board; and
2. a. Have a major in elementary education and a kindergarten endorsement;
   b. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and a kindergarten endorsement;
   c. Have a major in elementary education and an early childhood education endorsement;

d. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and an early childhood education endorsement;

e. Have a major in early childhood education; ~~or~~

f. Have a major equivalency in early childhood education; or

g. Have a minor in early childhood education.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Grades one through twelve - Teacher requirements.

1. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any grade from one through eight, provided the individual meets any requirements established in accordance with section 15.1-18-10 and has:
   a. A major in elementary education; or
   b. A major equivalency in elementary education.
2. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any grade from five through eight, provided the individual has:
   a. A major in middle level education; or
   b. A major equivalency in middle level education.
3. An individual who is licensed to teach at the secondary level by the education standards and practices board or approved to teach at the secondary level by the education standards and practices board may teach any area at any grade from five through twelve, provided the individual has:
   a. A major in the area being taught;
   b. A major equivalency in the area being taught;
   c. A minor in the area being taught; or
   d. A minor equivalency in the area being taught.

SECTION 4. REPEAL. Sections 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.