

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1098**

Introduced by

Education Committee

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

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to teacher requirements for prekindergarten and kindergarten; to amend
3 and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 and section 15.1-18-02 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher requirements; to repeal sections 15.1-18-07,
5 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to elementary, middle,
6 and high school teacher qualifications; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

- 10 a. Meet the ~~qualifications~~requirements of an elementary school teacher as set forth
11 in section ~~15.1-18-073~~ of this Act; or

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

14 **15.1-18-02. Prekindergarten and kindergarten teacher ~~qualifications~~—**

15 **~~Exceptions~~requirements.**

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

- 17 1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to
18 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
19 2. a. Have a major in elementary education and a kindergarten endorsement;
20 b. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and a kindergarten
21 endorsement;
22 c. Have a major in elementary education and an early childhood education
23 endorsement;

- 1 d. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and an early childhood
- 2 education endorsement;
- 3 e. Have a major in early childhood education; ~~or~~
- 4 f. Have a major equivalency in early childhood education; or
- 5 g. Have a minor in early childhood education.

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

8 **Grades one through twelve - Teacher requirements.**

- 9 1. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board
- 10 or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any
- 11 grade from one through eight, provided the individual meets any requirements
- 12 established in accordance with section 15.1-18-10 and has:
 - 13 a. A major in elementary education; or
 - 14 b. A major equivalency in elementary education.
- 15 2. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board
- 16 or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any
- 17 grade from five through eight, provided the individual has:
 - 18 a. A major in middle level education; or
 - 19 b. A major equivalency in middle level education.
- 20 3. An individual who is licensed to teach at the secondary level by the education
- 21 standards and practices board or approved to teach at the secondary level by the
- 22 education standards and practices board may teach any area at any grade from five
- 23 through twelve, provided the individual has:
 - 24 a. A major in the area being taught;
 - 25 b. A major equivalency in the area being taught;
 - 26 c. A minor in the area being taught; or
 - 27 d. A minor equivalency in the area being taught.

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

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