Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2270

Introduced by

Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Schaible

Representatives Heinert, Nathe, Sanford

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to a financial incentive to recruit licensed teachers.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created 5 and enacted as follows:

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## 6 Student teacher experience program - Grant.

- 7 <u>1.</u> For purposes of this section:
- 8 a. "Rural school district" means a school district in a county with a population of
  9 sixteen thousand or fewer, in a city with a population of five thousand or fewer, or
  10 with a total average daily membership of fewer than six hundred students.
- 11b."Irregularly filled teaching position" means a teaching position filled by personnel12with emergency certification or a provisional license.
- <u>13</u> <u>2.</u> <u>The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a student teacher experience</u>
  <u>program to incentivize licensed teachers to remain in the state by providing grants to</u>
- 15 <u>participants.</u>

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- 16 <u>3.</u> <u>The program must include a grant in a sum equal to:</u>
  - a. Two hundred dollars for every week of student teaching; or
- 18 b. Four hundred dollars for every week of student teaching in a rural school district.
- 19 <u>4.</u> <u>The superintendent of public instruction shall provide the grant to a program</u>
- 20 participant if the individual enters a contract for employment with a public school
- 21 <u>district in the state within two years of graduation.</u>
- 22 <u>5.</u> <u>The superintendent of public instruction shall develop an application process for</u>
- 23 <u>student teachers to participate in the program.</u>
- 24 <u>6.</u> <u>Student teacher placement preference must be given to:</u>

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1		<u>a.</u>	Rural school districts.
2		<u>b.</u>	School districts that have a high number of unfilled or irregularly filled teaching
3			positions.
4		<u>C.</u>	School districts that have a high number of unfilled positions in high-need areas,
5			including special education, secondary mathematics, and secondary science.
6	<u>7.</u>	<u>The</u>	board of a rural school district shall ensure housing is available for a student
7		<u>teac</u>	cher participant within a reasonable distance from the placement school. The board
8		<u>of a</u>	rural school district may provide a housing stipend for the student teacher
9		part	icipant, but the superintendent of public instruction may not reimburse the school
10		<u>dist</u> i	rict for the housing stipend.