Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

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Representative Schreiber-Beck

1	A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,				
2	relating to a special education permit; and to declare an emergency.				
3	BE IT E	NACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:			
4	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is				
5	amended and reenacted as follows:				
6	15.1-18-10. Specialty areas - Teacher qualification. (Effective through July 31, 2023)				
7	Not	Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter:			
8	1.	An individual may teach art, business education, computer education, a foreign			
9		language, music, physical education, special education, and technology education at			
10		any grade level from kindergarten through grade eight, provided the individual:			
11		a. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;			
12		b. Is approved to teach in that area by the education standards and practices board;			
13		and			
14		c. Meets all requirements set forth in rule by the superintendent of public instruction.			
15	2.	An individual may teach Native American languages provided the individual is an			
16		eminence-credentialed teacher.			
17	3.	An individual may teach in the areas of trade, industry, technical occupations, or health			
18		occupations, provided the individual has been issued a license to teach in such areas			
19		by the education standards and practices board.			

experience in the subject area to be taught; or

An individual may teach in any subject, except elementary education, special

Has a permit issued by the board and has a high school diploma;

education, mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, if the individual:

Possesses at least four thousand hours over five years of relevant work

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3		C.	Enrolls in the North Dakota teacher support system approved mentor program,	
4			expensed to the sending district.	
5	5.	<u>An i</u>	ndividual may teach special education using a permit under this subsection for a	
6		time	not exceeding two years. An individual may obtain a special education permit if	
7		the i	ndividual:	
8		<u>a.</u>	Is currently enrolled in a bachelor's program with a major in special education;	
9		<u>b.</u>	Has successfully completed all professional education coursework, special	
10			education major-specific coursework, and student teaching; and	
11		<u>C.</u>	Has passed the tests required by the education standards and practices board,	
12			including the content area test.	
13	<u>6.</u>	The	board of a school district may authorize an individual to teach under subsection 4	
14		for c	one year, up to a maximum of three years, if:	
15		a.	The administrator of a school within the district submits a written request to the	
16			education standards and practices board which indicates the administrator is	
17			unable to locate a qualified applicant and requests the education standards and	
18			practices board issue a permit;	
19		b.	The individual successfully completes a background check conducted by the	
20			education standards and practices board; and	
21		C.	The education standards and practices board issues a permit to the individual.	
22	6. 7.	The	board may adopt rules to administer teaching permits under this section.	
23	7. <u>8.</u>	The	board of a school district may terminate the employment of an individual with a	
24		teac	hing permit issued under this section at will.	
25	Specialty areas - Teacher qualification. (Effective after July 31, 2023) Notwithstanding			
26	the requirements of this chapter:			
27	1.	An i	ndividual may teach art, business education, computer education, a foreign	
28		lang	uage, music, physical education, special education, and technology education at	
29		any	grade level from kindergarten through grade eight, provided the individual:	
30		a.	Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;	

(2) Possesses a certificate, permit, or degree in the subject area to be taught;

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10		education, mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, if the individual:
11		a. Has a permit issued by the board and has a high school diploma;
12		b. (1) Possesses at least four thousand hours over five years of relevant work
13		experience in the subject area to be taught; or
14		(2) Possesses a certificate, permit, or degree in the subject area to be taught;
15		and
16		c. Enrolls in the North Dakota teacher support system approved mentor program,
17		expensed to the sending district.
18	<u>5.</u>	An individual may teach special education using a permit under this subsection for a
19		time not exceeding two years. An individual may obtain a special education permit if
20		the individual:
21		a. Is currently enrolled in a bachelor's program with a major in special education;
22		b. Has successfully completed all professional education coursework, special
23		education major-specific coursework, and student teaching; and
24		c. Has passed the tests required by the education standards and practices board,
25		including the content area test.
26	SEC	TION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

b. Is approved to teach in that area by the education standards and practices board;