

**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 amend and reenact sections 15.1-18-07 and 15.1-18-09 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the school grades that require elementary or high school  
3 teacher qualifications; and to repeal section 15.1-18-08 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to middle school teacher qualifications.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-18-07. Elementary school teacher qualifications.**

- 9 1. In order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through six,  
10 ~~or in order to teach any grade in an elementary school that offers grades one through~~  
11 ~~eight~~, an individual must be:
- 12 a. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to  
13 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
  - 14 b. (1) Have a major in elementary education; or  
15 (2) Have a major equivalency in elementary education.
- 16 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1, an individual may teach any grade  
17 from one through three in an elementary school provided the individual is:
- 18 a. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to  
19 teach by the education standards and practices board; and
  - 20 b. (1) Has a major in early childhood education; or  
21 (2) Has a major equivalency in early childhood education.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **15.1-18-09. High school qualifications.**

2       In order to teach grades ~~seven~~five through twelve, an individual must be:

- 3       1.   Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to  
4       teach by the education standards and practices board; and
- 5       2.   a.   Have a major in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the education  
6       standards and practices board as core academic areas;
- 7       b.   Have a major equivalency in the areas taught by the individual and defined by the  
8       education standards and practices board as core academic areas; or
- 9       c.   Have a major, a major equivalency, a minor, or a minor equivalency in each area  
10      taught by the individual ~~and not defined by the education standards and practices~~  
11      ~~board as a core academic area.~~

12      **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-18-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.