

SENATE BILL NO. 2199

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to teaching licensing in areas of documented shortages of teachers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-13-17. Teaching license - Requirements - Alternative access license -**
7 **Exceptions.**

8 1. An individual may not engage in the profession of teaching unless:

- 9 a. The individual holds a teaching license issued by the board; or
10 b. The individual is approved to teach by the board.

11 2. An individual may be approved to teach by the board only if the individual has
12 previously held a North Dakota teaching certificate or license, holds a teaching
13 certificate or license issued by another state, or has filed a completed application for
14 licensure with the board.

15 3. The board may issue an alternative access license to an individual with a documented
16 disability which allows the individual to teach in areas where documented shortages of
17 regularly licensed teachers exist, as determined by the board, if due to the
18 documented disability, the individual is unable to meet all the requirements of the
19 Praxis I, Praxis II PLT, or Praxis II content specific test in the content area to be
20 assigned but who is otherwise qualified to teach as determined by the board.

21 4. The board shall adopt rules establishing the terms and conditions under which an
22 individual may be approved to teach, as provided for in this section. The terms and
23 conditions may include the payment of a fine to the board in an amount not exceeding
24 two hundred fifty dollars per incident, enrollment in and completion of continuing

- 1 education courses, and submission of a completed application for licensure by a date
- 2 certain.