

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1531

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Longmuir, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Zubke

Senators Rust, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to allowing individuals who do not have a teaching license to teach noncore subjects
3 upon meeting certain criteria.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-18-10. Specialty areas - Teacher qualification.**

8 Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter:

- 9 1. An individual may teach art, business education, computer education, a foreign
10 language, music, physical education, special education, and technology education at
11 any grade level from kindergarten through grade eight, provided the individual:
- 12 a. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;
 - 13 b. Is approved to teach in that area by the education standards and practices board;
 - 14 and
 - 15 c. Meets all requirements set forth in rule by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 16 2. An individual may teach Native American languages provided the individual is an
17 eminence-credentialed teacher.
- 18 3. An individual may teach in the areas of trade, industry, technical occupations, or health
19 occupations, provided the individual has been issued a license to teach in such areas
20 by the education standards and practices board.
- 21 4. An individual may teach part-time in any subject, except elementary education,
22 mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, if the individual has a permit
23 issued by the board, has a high school diploma, and:

- 1 a. Possesses at least two thousand hours of relevant work experience in the
- 2 preceding five years in the subject area to be taught;
- 3 b. Possesses a certificate, license, or degree in the subject area to be taught; or
- 4 c. Achieves a passing score on the Praxis content test.
- 5 5. The board of a school district may authorize an individual to teach part-time under
- 6 subsection 4 for one year, up to a maximum of three years, if:
- 7 a. The administrator of a school within the district submits a written request to the
- 8 education standards and practices board which indicates the administrator is
- 9 unable to locate a qualified applicant and requests the education standards and
- 10 practices board issue a permit;
- 11 b. The individual successfully completes a background check conducted by the
- 12 education standards and practices board; and
- 13 c. The education standards and practices board issues a permit to the individual.