

HOUSE BILL NO. 1114

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Owens

Senator Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-18.2-05 and 15.1-18.2-06 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to the expansion of the teacher support program to provide
3 mentoring to all first- and second-year teachers in the state; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-18.2-05. Teacher support program - Establishment.**

8 The education standards and practices board shall:

9 1. Establish and administer a teacher support program;

10 2. Employ ~~an individual~~individuals to serve as a teacher support program
11 ~~coordinator~~coordinators;

12 3. a. Select and train experienced teachers who will serve as mentors for
13 ~~first-year~~first- and second-year teachers and assist the ~~first-year~~first- and
14 second-year teachers with instructional skills development; or

15 b. If a school district or other employing entity listed in section 15.1-18.2-07 is not in
16 need of mentors for its ~~first-year~~first- or second-year teachers, select and train
17 experienced teachers who will work with school district administrators and
18 administrators from the other employing entities to identify the needs of ~~the-~~
19 ~~non-first-year~~ teachers with more than two years teaching experience and help
20 ~~the non-first-year~~ teachers address their particular needs through the use of:

21 (1) Research-validated interventions; and

22 (2) Proven instructional methods.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18.2-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-18.2-06. Teacher support program - Availability of services.**

2 1. The education standards and practices board may use any moneys it receives for the
3 teacher support program to provide staff compensation, training, evaluation, and
4 stipends for mentors and experienced teachers who assist ~~first-year and non-first-year~~
5 teachers participating in the program, and to pay for any other administrative
6 expenses resulting from the program; provided, however, ~~that~~ the board may not
7 expend more than five percent of the moneys for administrative purposes.

8 2. Any funds provided by the department of public instruction to the education standards
9 and practices board for the teacher support program first must be used to provide
10 support to first-year teachers, if any, participating in the program, and any remaining
11 funds must be used to provide support for second-year teachers, if any, participating in
12 the program, except as provided in subsection 3 of section 15.1-18.2-05.

13 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
14 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the
15 sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction for the purpose of providing a
16 grant to the education standards and practices board to administer and expand the teacher
17 support program to provide support for all first- and second-year teachers in the state, for the
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. The funds appropriated are in
19 addition to funds provided in the department of public instruction's base budget, for a total
20 appropriation of \$5,000,000, for the department to grant to the education standards and
21 practices board to administer the program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
22 June 30, 2023.