

Introduced by

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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.~~