

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1304**

Introduced by

Representative Schreiber-Beck

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to a special education ~~permit~~teaching authorization; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

6 **15.1-18-10. Specialty areas - Teacher qualification. (Effective through July 31, 2023)**

7 Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter:

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

- 1                   (2) Possesses a certificate, permit, or degree in the subject area to be taught;  
2                   and  
3                   c. Enrolls in the North Dakota teacher support system approved mentor program,  
4                   expensed to the sending district.
- 5                   5. An individual may teach special education using a ~~permit~~teaching authorization under  
6                   this subsection for a time not exceeding two years. An individual may obtain a special  
7                   education ~~permit~~teaching authorization if the individual:
- 8                   a. Is currently enrolled in a bachelor's program with a major in special education;  
9                   b. Has successfully completed all professional education coursework, special  
10                   education major-specific coursework, and student teaching; and  
11                   c. Has passed the tests required by the education standards and practices board,  
12                   including the content area test.
- 13                   6. The board of a school district may authorize an individual to teach under subsection 4  
14                   for one year, up to a maximum of three years, if:
- 15                   a. The administrator of a school within the district submits a written request to the  
16                   education standards and practices board which indicates the administrator is  
17                   unable to locate a qualified applicant and requests the education standards and  
18                   practices board issue a permit;
- 19                   b. The individual successfully completes a background check conducted by the  
20                   education standards and practices board; and
- 21                   c. The education standards and practices board issues a permit to the individual.
- 22                   ~~6-7.~~ The board may adopt rules to administer teaching permits under this section.
- 23                   ~~7-8.~~ The board of a school district may terminate the employment of an individual with a  
24                   teaching permit issued under this section at will.

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26       **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.