

HOUSE BILL NO. 1296

Introduced by

Representatives K. Koppelman, Hatlestad, Karls, Nathe, Rohr, Sanford, Wall, Hunskor
Senators Andrist, Schaible, Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to teachers licensed in other states.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-13-20. Applicants licensed in other states.**

- 7 1. The board shall grant a teaching license to an applicant who holds a regular teaching
8 license or certificate from another state, provided:
- 9 a. The applicant's licensure or certification is based upon a minimum of a bachelor's
10 degree with a major that meets the issuing state's requirements in early
11 childhood education, elementary education, middle level education, or a content
12 area taught at a public high school;
 - 13 b. The applicant's licensure or certification is based upon the completion of a
14 professional education sequence from a state-approved teacher education
15 program and includes supervised student teaching;
 - 16 c. The applicant submits the required fee and a criminal history record check, as
17 required of initial applicants by this chapter; and
 - 18 d. The criminal history record check reveals nothing for which a North Dakota
19 applicant would be denied initial licensure.
- 20 2. a. A license granted under this section is valid for two years if the applicant has not
21 been licensed in another state for at least eighteen months.
- 22 b. Notwithstanding subdivision a, if the individual received a teaching license or
23 certificate from another state on or after January 1, 2002, and if the issuing state
24 did not require that the individual pass a state test as a condition of licensure or

- 1 certification, the board shall require that the individual, within two years from the
2 date of licensure, pass all state licensure tests normally required of applicants
3 from this state.
- 4 c. In all other cases, a license granted under this section is valid for five years and
5 is renewable if the licenseholder meets the reeducation requirements established
6 for all five-year license renewals.
- 7 3. A license granted under this section must include all of the applicant's endorsements
8 issued or recognized by the applicant's other state of licensure.