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Sixty-sixth
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of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2199

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1   A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,

2   relating to teaching licensing in areas of documented shortages of teachers.

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

4   **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-13-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is

5   amended and reenacted as follows:

6   **15.1-13-17. Teaching license - Requirements - Alternative access license -**

7   **Exceptions.**

8   1.   An individual may not engage in the profession of teaching unless:

9   a.   The individual holds a teaching license issued by the board; or

10   b.   The individual is approved to teach by the board.

11   2.   An individual may be approved to teach by the board only if the individual has

12   previously held a North Dakota teaching certificate or license, holds a teaching

13   certificate or license issued by another state, or has filed a completed application for

14   licensure with the board.

15   3.   The board may issue an alternative access license to an individual with a documented

16   disability which allows the individual to teach in areas where documented shortages of

17   regularly licensed teachers exist, as determined by the board, if due to the

18   documented disability, the individual is unable to meet all the requirements of the

19   Praxis I, Praxis II PLT, or Praxis II content specific test in the content area to be

20   assigned but who is otherwise qualified to teach as determined by the board.

21   4.   The board shall adopt rules establishing the terms and conditions under which an

22   individual may be approved to teach, as provided for in this section. The terms and

23   conditions may include the payment of a fine to the board in an amount not exceeding

24   two hundred fifty dollars per incident, enrollment in and completion of continuing

1   education courses, and submission of a completed application for licensure by a date

2   certain.