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with Senate Amendments
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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 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 teaching authorization under this
6 subsection for a time not exceeding two years. An individual may obtain a special
7 education 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.