

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1098

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to teacher requirements for prekindergarten and kindergarten; to amend  
3 and reenact subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 and section 15.1-18-02 of the  
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to teacher requirements; and to repeal sections  
5 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
6 elementary, middle, and high school teacher qualifications.

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

8 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 15.1-07-32 of the  
9 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 10 a. Meet the ~~qualifications~~requirements of an elementary school teacher as set forth  
11 in section ~~15.1-18-073~~ of this Act; or

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-18-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **15.1-18-02. Prekindergarten and kindergarten teacher ~~qualifications~~—**

15 **~~Exceptions~~requirements.**

16 In order to teach prekindergarten and kindergarten, an individual must be:

- 17 1. Licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board or approved to  
18 teach by the education standards and practices board; and  
19 2. a. Have a major in elementary education and a kindergarten endorsement;  
20 b. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and a kindergarten  
21 endorsement;  
22 c. Have a major in elementary education and an early childhood education  
23 endorsement;

- 1 d. Have a major equivalency in elementary education and an early childhood
- 2 education endorsement;
- 3 e. Have a major in early childhood education; ~~or~~
- 4 f. Have a major equivalency in early childhood education; or
- 5 g. Have a minor in early childhood education.

6 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Grades one through twelve - Teacher requirements.**

- 9 1. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board  
10 or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any  
11 grade from one through eight, provided the individual meets any requirements  
12 established in accordance with section 15.1-18-10 and has:
  - 13 a. A major in elementary education; or
  - 14 b. A major equivalency in elementary education.
- 15 2. An individual who is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board  
16 or approved to teach by the education standards and practices board may teach any  
17 grade from five through eight, provided the individual has:
  - 18 a. A major in middle level education; or
  - 19 b. A major equivalency in middle level education.
- 20 3. An individual who is licensed to teach at the secondary level by the education  
21 standards and practices board or approved to teach at the secondary level by the  
22 education standards and practices board may teach any area at any grade from five  
23 through twelve, provided the individual has:
  - 24 a. A major in the area being taught;
  - 25 b. A major equivalency in the area being taught;
  - 26 c. A minor in the area being taught; or
  - 27 d. A minor equivalency in the area being taught.

28 **SECTION 4. REPEAL.** Sections 15.1-18-07, 15.1-18-08, and 15.1-18-09 of the North  
29 Dakota Century Code are repealed.