

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

SENATE BILL NO. 2070  
(Senators Rust, Davison, Schaible)  
(Representatives Longmuir, Monson, Richter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criteria for teacher permits; and to provide an expiration date.

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

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

**15.1-18-10. Specialty areas - Teacher qualification. (Effective through July 31, 2023~~2031~~)**

Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter:

1. An individual may teach art, business education, computer education, a foreign language, music, physical education, special education, and technology education at any grade level from kindergarten through grade eight, provided the individual:
  - a. Is licensed to teach by the education standards and practices board;
  - b. Is approved to teach in that area by the education standards and practices board; and
  - c. Meets all requirements set forth in rule by the superintendent of public instruction.
2. An individual may teach Native American languages provided the individual is an eminence-credentialed teacher.
3. An individual may teach in the areas of trade, industry, technical occupations, or health occupations, provided the individual has been issued a license to teach in such areas by the education standards and practices board.
4. An individual may teach in any subject, except elementary education, special education, mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies, if the individual:
  - a. Has a permit issued by the board and has a high school diploma;
  - b. (1) Possesses at least four thousand hours over five years of relevant work experience in the subject area to be taught; or  
(2) Possesses a certificate, permit, or degree in the subject area to be taught; and
  - c. Enrolls in the North Dakota teacher support system approved mentor program, expensed to the sending district.
5. The board of a school district may authorize an individual to teach under subsection 4 for one year, up to a maximum of three years, if:
  - a. The administrator of a school within the district submits a written request to the education standards and practices board which indicates the administrator is unable to locate a qualified applicant and requests the education standards and practices board issue a permit;

- b. The individual successfully completes a background check conducted by the education standards and practices board; and
  - c. The education standards and practices board issues a permit to the individual.
6. For an individual authorized to teach under subsection 5, the board of a school district may authorize the individual to teach for an additional four years, up to a maximum of seven years, if the individual also is enrolled in a teacher education program.
7. The board may adopt rules to administer teaching permits under this section.
- ~~7.8.~~ The board of a school district may terminate the employment of an individual with a teaching permit issued under this section at will.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2070.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 92            Nays 0            Absent 2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State