Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019

HOUSE BILL NO. 1531
(Representatives D. Johnson, Longmuir, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck, Zubke)
(Senators Rust, Schaible)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-18-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allowing individuals who do not have a teaching license to teach noncore subjects upon meeting certain criteria; to provide for a legislative management report; 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.

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;

   b. Has a high school diploma;

   c. Possesses at least four thousand hours over five years of relevant work experience in the subject area to be taught; and

      (1) Possesses a certificate, license, or degree in the subject area to be taught; or

      (2) Achieves a passing score on the Praxis content test.

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. The board may adopt rules to administer teaching permits under this section.

7. The board of a school district may terminate the employment of an individual with a teaching permit issued under this section at will.

SECTION 2. ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT. The education standards and practices board shall provide the legislative management a status report during the 2019-20 interim and during the 2021-22 interim regarding the number of teacher licenses issued under an alternative teacher certification program, the effectiveness of the program, the quality of instruction provided under the program, and whether the program is accomplishing desired objectives. The report must include a recommendation regarding continuation of the program.

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 2023, and after that date is ineffective.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1531.

House Vote:	Yeas 81	Nays 10	Absent 3
Senate Vote:	Yeas 34	Nays 13	Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 8:53 P.M. on April 25, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this 26th day of April, 2019,

at 9:19 o'clock A. M.

Secretary of State