

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1238
(Representatives Ista, Hager, Heinert, Jonas, Murphy, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators Axtman, Boschee, Cleary, Rummel)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-13-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the reporting requirements for a lifetime teaching license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-13-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-13-12.1. Teaching license - Lifetime licensure - Report to the board.

1. If an individual has been licensed to teach in this state for a period of ~~thirty~~twenty-five years, the education standards and practices board shall grant the individual lifetime licensure.
2. Nothing in this section precludes the board from taking any action against an individual's lifetime license if the board determines that the action is warranted under this chapter.
3. An individual holding a lifetime license who is or intends to be employed as a teacher shall provide a report to the board at least once every five years. The report:
 - a. Must be made in the form and manner prescribed by the board.
 - b. May not cause the individual holding a lifetime license to incur any cost.
 - c. Must disclose:
 - (1) Whether the individual has violated a criminal statute since the issuance of the lifetime license or the last report; and
 - (2) Any information that may cause the individual's teaching license to be revoked or suspended.

Robi Alving
Speaker of the House

Brod Baldstad
President of the Senate

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Wanda Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1238.

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 4 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 2:14 P M. on March 24, 2025.

Approved at 11:04 A M. on March 25, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 26th day of March, 2025,

at 12:44 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State