

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2043  
(Senator Axtman)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 15.1-13-26 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to denial of or immediate revocation of a teaching license for crimes against a child and sexual offenses.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 15.1-13-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. As used in this section:

- a. "Conviction" means a finding of guilt, a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, a plea of nolo contendere, a judgment of conviction even though the court suspended execution of sentence in accordance with subsection 3 of section 12.1-32-02, or a deferred imposition of sentence in accordance with subsection 4 of section 12.1-32-02 or an equivalent statute. The term does not include a finding of guilt overturned on appeal.
- b. "Crime against a child" means violation of section 12.1-16-01, 12.1-16-02, 12.1-16-03, 12.1-16-04, 12.1-17-01.1, 12.1-17-02, 12.1-17-03, 12.1-17-04, 12.1-17-05, 12.1-17-06, 12.1-17-07, 12.1-17-07.1, 12.1-17-10, 12.1-18-01, 12.1-18-02, 12.1-18-03, 12.1-29-01, 12.1-29-02, or 12.1-29-03, or an equivalent federal law or local ordinance, in which the victim is a minor or is otherwise of the age required for the act to be a crime or an attempt to commit these offenses.
- c. "Sexual offense" means a violation of section 12.1-20-03, 12.1-20-03.1, 12.1-20-04, 12.1-20-05, 12.1-20-05.1, 12.1-20-06, 12.1-20-07, 12.1-20-11, ~~or 12.1-20-12.1,~~ 12.1-20-12.2, or 12.1-20-12.3, or chapter 12.1-27.2, or an equivalent federal law or local ordinance.

Michelle Anderson  
President of the Senate

Robi Chering  
Speaker of the House

Brandt Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

Bruce J. Reist  
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2043.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47                    Nays 0                    Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 89                    Nays 0                    Absent 4

Brandt Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 3:20 PM. on March 12th, 2025.

Approved at 1:39 PM. on March 14th, 2025.

[Signature]  
Governor

Filed in this office this 14th day of March, 2025,

at 4:35 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State