

HOUSE BILL NO. 1258
with Conference Committee Amendments
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Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Dosch, J. Kelsh, Skarphol

Senators Hogue, Robinson, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.5 and 15.1-21-02.6 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic
3 scholarship.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

8 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
9 year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 10 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
11 composition, and speech;
- 12 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
 - 13 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
 - 14 b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of
15 public instruction, is a prerequisite;
- 16 3. Completed three units of science, including:
 - 17 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 18 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 19 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
20 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 21 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - 22 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 23 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
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- 1 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 2 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 3 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 4 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 5 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 6 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 7 6. a. Completed two units of:
- 8 (1) ~~Two units of the~~The same foreign or native American language;
- 9 (2) The same native American language;
- 10 (3) American sign language; or
- 11 (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 12 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 13 approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 14 b. One unit selected from:
- 15 (1) Foreign languages;
- 16 (2) Native American languages;
- 17 (3) American sign language;
- 18 (4) Fine arts; or
- 19 (5) Career and technical education;
- 20 7. Completed any five additional units, ~~one of which must be in the area of fine arts or~~
- 21 ~~career and technical education;~~
- 22 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 23 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 24 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 25 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 26 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 27 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 28 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 29 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 30 9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and

- 1 10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
2 of an advanced placement course and examination; or
3 b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
4 means of a dual-credit course.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 8 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
9 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
10 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
11 education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each
12 semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
13 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
14 point average of 2.75.
- 15 ~~b.~~ (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
16 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
17 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
18 education scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter
19 during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of
20 higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point
21 average of 2.75.
- 22 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
23 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and who
24 is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either
25 a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and
26 technical education scholarship, in the amount of one thousand two hundred
27 fifty dollars, for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time
28 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
29 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 30 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
31 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and is

- 1 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
2 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
3 education scholarship, in the amount of eight hundred thirty-three dollars,
4 for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an
5 accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
6 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 7 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
8 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
9 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
10 provide notification to the student within ten days.
- 11 3. a. Except as provided in this subsection, a student is not entitled to receive more
12 than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 13 b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school
14 year is entitled to receive up to ten thousand dollars under this section.
- 15 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
16 institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 17 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
18 semesters.
- 19 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
20 quarters.
- 21 b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years
22 after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to
23 graduate programs.
- 24 6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills
25 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who graduates from:
- 26 a. A high school in this state;
- 27 b. A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or
- 28 c. A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent
29 in this state.
- 30 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
31 means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters

1 and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
2 enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
3 of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.

4 b. (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may
5 retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least
6 twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as
7 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
8 in a quarter system.

9 (2) Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the
10 2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain
11 scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the
12 student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as
13 determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students
14 in a quarter system.

15 (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, as set
16 forth in subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in
17 a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external
18 experience, provided the external experience is equivalent to at least twelve
19 units, or such similar amount as determined by the state board of higher
20 education, with respect to students in a quarter system, and considered to
21 be a "full time" placement for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.