

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2, 15.1-21-02.4, and 15.1-21-02.5
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.2. High school graduation - Minimum requirements.**

7 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, the following twenty-two units of high school
8 coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:

- 9 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
10 composition, and speech;
- 11 2. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science approved
12 by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 13 3. Three units of science, including:
 - 14 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 15 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 16 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
17 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 18 4. Three units of social studies, including:
 - 19 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 20 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
21 or
22 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and

- 1 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 2 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 3 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 4 5. a. One unit of physical education; or
- 5 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 6 6. Three units of:
- 7 a. Foreign languages;
- 8 b. Native American languages;
- 9 c. Fine arts; or
- 10 d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 11 7. Any five additional units.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

15 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
16 year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in
17 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a
18 North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student:

- 19 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
20 composition, and speech;
- 21 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
 - 22 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
 - 23 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer
24 science;
- 25 3. Completed three units of science, including:
 - 26 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 27 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 28 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
 - 29 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 30 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - 31 a. One unit of United States history;

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

- 1 b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended
2 by the department of career and technical education and approved by the
3 superintendent of public instruction.

4 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

7 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
8 year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in
9 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a
10 North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 11 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
12 composition, and speech;
- 13 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
- 14 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; ~~and~~
15 b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of
16 public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
17 c. One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 18 3. Completed three units of science, including:
- 19 a. One unit of physical science;
20 b. One unit of biology; and
21 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
22 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 23 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 24 a. One unit of United States history;
25 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
26 or
27 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
28 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
29 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
30 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 31 5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or

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- 1 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 2 6. a. Completed two units of:
- 3 (1) The same foreign language;
- 4 (2) The same native American language;
- 5 (3) American sign language; or
- 6 (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 7 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 8 approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 9 b. One unit selected from:
- 10 (1) Foreign languages;
- 11 (2) Native American languages;
- 12 (3) American sign language;
- 13 (4) Fine arts; or
- 14 (5) Career and technical education;
- 15 7. Completed any five additional units;
- 16 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 17 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 18 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 19 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 20 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 21 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 22 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 23 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 24 9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 25 10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 26 of an advanced placement course and examination;
- 27 b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by
- 28 completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary
- 29 course offered for credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has
- 30 a physical presence in this state; or

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- 1 c. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 2 means of a dual-credit course.