

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2185  
(Senators Poolman, Meyer, Schaible)  
(Representatives Owens, Streyle)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2, 15.1-21-02.4, and 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements.

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

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

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

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

1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
3. Three units of science, including:
  - a. One unit of physical science;
  - b. One unit of biology; and
  - c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
(2) Two one-half units of any other science;
4. Three units of social studies, including:
  - a. One unit of United States history;
  - b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or  
(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
  - c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5.
  - a. One unit of physical education; or
  - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Three units of:
  - a. Foreign languages;
  - b. Native American languages;
  - c. Fine arts; or

- d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 7. Any five additional units.

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

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

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

1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science;
3. Completed three units of science, including:
  - a. One unit of physical science;
  - b. One unit of biology; and
  - c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
(2) Two one-half units of any other science;
4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - a. One unit of United States history;
  - b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or  
(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
  - c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5.
  - a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
  - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Completed:
  - a. One unit selected from:
    - (1) Foreign languages;
    - (2) Native American languages;
    - (3) American sign language;
    - (4) Fine arts; or

- (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;
- 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and  
(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and  
(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
- 9. Received:
  - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
  - b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

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

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

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

- 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
- 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; ~~and~~
  - b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
  - c. One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 3. Completed three units of science, including:
  - a. One unit of physical science;
  - b. One unit of biology; and
  - c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
(2) Two one-half units of any other science;

4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - a. One unit of United States history;
  - b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or  
(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
  - c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5.
  - a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
  - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6.
  - a. Completed two units of:
    - (1) The same foreign language;
    - (2) The same native American language;
    - (3) American sign language; or
    - (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - b. One unit selected from:
    - (1) Foreign languages;
    - (2) Native American languages;
    - (3) American sign language;
    - (4) Fine arts; or
    - (5) Career and technical education;
7. Completed any five additional units;
8.
  - a.
    - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
    - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
  - b.
    - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
    - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
10.
  - a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means of an advanced placement course and examination;
  - b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary course offered for

credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has a physical presence in this state; or

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2185.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 43            Nays 1            Absent 3

House Vote:    Yeas 86            Nays 8            Absent 0

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State