

HOUSE BILL NO. 1283

Introduced by

Representatives B. Koppelman, Louser, Marschall, Owens, Rohr, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Burckhard, Meyer, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to eligibility for North Dakota scholarships.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 7 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
8 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
9 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
10 scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during
11 which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher
12 education in this state ~~and~~, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75,
13 and maintains progress toward degree completion.
- 14 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
15 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
16 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
17 scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which
18 the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in
19 this state ~~and~~, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
20 progress toward degree completion.
- 21 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
22 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
23 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
24 provide notification to the student within ten days.

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- 1 3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 2 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
- 3 institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 4 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
- 5 semesters.
- 6 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
- 7 quarters.
- 8 b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the
- 9 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.
- 10 6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills
- 11 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
- 12 a. Graduates from a high school in this state;
- 13 b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 14 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a
- 15 custodial parent in this state; or
- 16 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter
- 17 15.1-23.
- 18 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
- 19 ~~means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters~~
- 20 ~~and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each subsequent semester~~
- 21 ~~thereafter, or enrollment in at least fourteen credits during each subsequent~~
- 22 ~~semester if the student is enrolled in a nursing program approved by the board of~~
- 23 ~~nursing, or enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the~~
- 24 ~~state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.~~
- 25 ~~b. (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, or fewer than~~
- 26 ~~fourteen credits to graduate if enrolled in a nursing program, the student~~
- 27 ~~may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen credits, or~~
- 28 ~~fewer than fourteen credits if enrolled in a nursing program, but at least~~
- 29 ~~twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as~~
- 30 ~~determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students~~
- 31 ~~in a quarter system.~~

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

7 ~~————— (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, or at~~
8 ~~least fourteen credits if enrolled in a nursing program, as set forth in~~
9 ~~subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in a~~
10 ~~clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external~~
11 ~~experience, provided:~~

12 ~~————— (a) The external experience is equivalent to at least six credits, or such~~
13 ~~similar amount as determined by the state board of higher education,~~
14 ~~with respect to students in a quarter system; and~~

15 ~~————— (b) The credits for the external experience, together with any other credits~~
16 ~~in which the student is enrolled, total at least twelve~~has the same
17 meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is
18 attending.

19 b. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,
20 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum
21 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for
22 the subsequent disbursement:

23 ————— (1) Twelve credits after disbursement one;

24 ————— (2) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;

25 ————— (3) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;

26 ————— (4) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;

27 ————— (5) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;

28 ————— (6) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and

29 ————— (7) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.