

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01 and subsection 1 of
2 section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring all elementary and
3 secondary public and nonpublic schools in the state to include curriculum on Native American
4 history.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8 3. Social studies, including:
- 9 a. The United States Constitution;
 - 10 b. United States history;
 - 11 c. Geography;
 - 12 d. Government; and
 - 13 e. North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, and
14 agriculture of this state, in the fourth and eighth grades; and
 - 15 f. A mandated four-week instructional course, developed in collaboration with
16 federally recognized Indian tribes in the state, encompassing the Native
17 American story, including:
 - 18 (1) Contributions of Native Americans to the sociology of North Dakota;
 - 19 (2) Current tribal relations with the state and the United States;
 - 20 (3) Tribal history;
 - 21 (4) Tribal sovereignty;
 - 22 (5) Culture;
 - 23 (6) Treaty rights;
 - 24 (7) Socioeconomic experiences; and

1 (8) Current events.

2 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota
3 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
5 nonpublic high school shall provide instruction in and make available to each student:
- 6 a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
7 composition, and speech;
 - 8 b. Four units of mathematics, including:
 - 9 (1) One unit of algebra II; and
 - 10 (2) One unit for which algebra II is a prerequisite;
 - 11 c. Four units of science, including:
 - 12 (1) One unit of physical science; and
 - 13 (2) One unit of biology;
 - 14 d. Four units of social studies, including:
 - 15 (1) One unit of world history;
 - 16 (2) One unit of United States history, which must include a mandated four-week
17 instructional unit, developed in collaboration with federally recognized Indian
18 tribes in the state, encompassing the Native American story, including:
 - 19 (a) Contributions of Native Americans to the sociology of North Dakota;
 - 20 (b) Current tribal relations with the state and the United States;
 - 21 (c) Tribal history;
 - 22 (d) Tribal sovereignty;
 - 23 (e) Culture;
 - 24 (f) Treaty rights;
 - 25 (g) Socioeconomic experiences; and
 - 26 (h) Current events; and
 - 27 (3) (a) One unit of problems of democracy; or
 - 28 (b) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
29 economics;
 - 30 e. One-half unit of health;

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- 1 f. One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that once
2 every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that includes
3 instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of personal
4 fitness;
- 5 g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- 6 h. Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
- 7 i. One unit of an advanced placement course or one unit of a dual-credit course;
8 and
- 9 j. Two units of career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
10 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
11 approved by the superintendent of public instruction.