

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2222

Introduced by

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Murphy

Representatives Dosch, Heilman, Streyle

1 | A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact ~~section~~sections 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, and
2 | 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to North Dakota scholarships.

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

4 | **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section-15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 | amended and reenacted as follows:

6 | **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

7 | Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school
8 | year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided
9 | 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. Two units of any other mathematics;
- 15 | 3. Completed three units of science, including:
 - 16 | a. One unit of physical science;
 - 17 | b. One unit of biology; and
 - 18 | c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
 - 19 | (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 20 | 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
 - 21 | a. One unit of United States history;
 - 22 | b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
23 | or
 - 24 | (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. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 5 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 6 6. Completed:
- 7 a. One unit selected from:
- 8 (1) Foreign languages;
- 9 (2) Native American languages;
- 10 (3) American sign language;
- 11 (4) Fine arts; or
- 12 (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- 13 b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
- 14 career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
- 15 instruction;
- 16 7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and
- 17 technical education;
- 18 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 19 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 20 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 21 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 22 b. (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 only
- 24 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 25 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
- 26 9. Received:
- 27 a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT, or in the case of a student
- 28 who graduated during or after the 2012-13 school year, a composite score of at
- 29 least twenty-three 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 2. 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 is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

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

- 1 (2) Two units of American sign language; and
- 2 b. One unit selected from:
 - 3 (1) Foreign languages;
 - 4 (2) Native American languages;
 - 5 (3) American sign language;
 - 6 (4) Fine arts; or
 - 7 (5) Career and technical education;
- 8 7. Completed any five additional units, one of which must be in the area of fine arts or
- 9 career and technical education;
- 10 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 11 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 12 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 13 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 14 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 15 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 16 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 17 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 18 9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT, or in the case of a
- 19 student who graduated during or after the 2012-13 school year, a composite score of
- 20 at least twenty-three on an ACT; and
- 21 10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 22 of an advanced placement course and examination; or
- 23 b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 24 means of a dual-credit course.

25 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 28 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
- 29 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
- 30 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
- 31 education scholarship, in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars, for each

1 semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
2 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
3 point average of 2.75.

4 ~~b. (2)~~ The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
5 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
6 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
7 education scholarship, in the amount of five hundred dollars, for each
8 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
9 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
10 point average of 2.75.

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

19 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
20 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and is
21 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
22 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
23 education scholarship, in the amount of ~~eight~~six hundred ~~thirty-three~~sixty-six
24 dollars, for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an
25 accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
26 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

27 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
28 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
29 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
30 provide notification to the student within ten days.

- 1 3. a. AExcept as provided in this subsection, a student is not entitled to receive more
2 than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 3 b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school
4 year is entitled to receive up to ~~ten~~eight thousand dollars under this section.
- 5 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
6 institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 7 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
8 semesters.
- 9 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
10 quarters.
- 11 b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years
12 after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to
13 graduate programs.
- 14 6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills
15 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who graduates from:
- 16 a. A high school in this state;
- 17 b. A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or
- 18 c. A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent
19 in this state.
- 20 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
21 means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters
22 and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
23 enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
24 of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 25 b. (1) If ~~after six consecutive semesters~~ a student requires ~~twenty-four or fewer~~
26 than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may retain scholarship eligibility
27 by enrolling in ~~only fewer than fifteen but at least~~ twelve credits during ~~each-~~
28 of the student's final two semestersthe semester, or the equivalent number
29 of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with
30 respect to students in a quarter system.

1 (2) ~~The exception provided for in this subdivision is applicable to any student~~
2 ~~graduating after June 30, 2013, but before July 1, 2015~~Students who
3 graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the 2010-11 school year
4 and who have completed six semesters may retain scholarship eligibility by
5 enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the student's final two
6 semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state
7 board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.