

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2 and 15.1-21-02.3 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation and curriculum 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 1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two
8 units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school
9 graduation:

10 4. a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
11 composition, and speech;

12 2. b. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science
13 approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

14 3. c. Three units of science, consisting of:

15 a. (1) (a) One unit of biology;

16 ~~(2)~~ (b) One unit of chemistry; and

17 ~~(3)~~ (c) One unit of physics; or

18 b. ~~(1)(2)~~ (a) One unit of biology;

19 ~~(2)~~ (b) One unit of physical science; and

20 ~~(3)~~ (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;

21 4. d. Three units of social studies, including:

22 a. ~~(1)~~ One unit of United States history;

23 b. ~~(1)(2)~~ (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
24 economics; or

- 1 (2) (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and
2 e. (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
3 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
4 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5 5. a-e. (1) One unit of physical education; or
6 b. (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
7 6. f. Three units of:
8 a. (1) Foreign languages;
9 b. (2) Native American languages;
10 e. (3) Fine arts; or
11 d. (4) Career and technical education courses; and
12 7. g. Any five additional units.
13 2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or
14 nonpublic school may allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED
15 assessment to satisfy the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of
16 subsection 1.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **15.1-21-02.3. Optional high school curriculum - Requirements.**

- 20 1. If after completing at least two years of high school a student has failed to pass at
21 least one-half unit from three ~~subsections~~subdivisions in subsection 1 of section
22 ~~15.1-21-02.1~~15.1-21-02.2 or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth
23 percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the
24 student may request that the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal
25 meet with the student and the student's parent to determine if whether the student
26 should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the
27 requirements set forth in section ~~15.1-21-02.1~~15.1-21-02.2. If a student's parent
28 consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the
29 student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing the following
30 requirements:

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- 1 4. a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
- 2 composition, and speech;
- 3 2. b. Two units of mathematics;
- 4 3. c. Two units of science;
- 5 4. d. Three units of social studies, which may include up to one-half unit of North
- 6 Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
- 7 5. ~~a-e.~~ (1) One unit of physical education; or
- 8 b. (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 9 6. f. Two units of:
- 10 a. (1) Foreign languages;
- 11 b. (2) Native American languages;
- 12 e. (3) Fine arts; or
- 13 d. (4) Career and technical education courses; and
- 14 7. g. Any seven additional units.
- 15 2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or
- 16 nonpublic school may allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED
- 17 assessment to satisfy the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of
- 18 subsection 1.