

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a North Dakota scholarship; to amend and reenact  
3 sections 15-10-59, 15.1-21-02.6, 15.1-21-02.8, and 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century  
4 Code, relating to references to the North Dakota scholarship, North Dakota academic  
5 scholarship, and North Dakota career and technical education scholarship; to repeal sections  
6 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota  
7 academic and career and technical education scholarships; and to provide an effective date.

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

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **15-10-59. Annual report - Scholarships.**

12 The state board of higher education shall provide to the legislative management an annual  
13 report regarding the number of North Dakota scholarships, North Dakota academic  
14 scholarships, and North Dakota career and technical education scholarships provided and  
15 demographic information pertaining to the recipients.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **15-10-59. Annual report - Scholarships.**

19 The state board of higher education shall provide to the legislative management an annual  
20 report regarding the number of North Dakota scholarships, ~~North Dakota academic~~  
21 ~~scholarships~~, and ~~North Dakota career and technical education scholarships~~ provided and  
22 demographic information pertaining to the recipients.

23 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
24 and enacted as follows:

1        **North Dakota scholarship.**

2        Any resident student who meets the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.6 is eligible to  
3 receive a North Dakota scholarship if the student:

- 4        1. Completed an individual consultative process or a nine-week course under  
5        subsection 2 of section 15.1-21-18;
- 6        2. Completed the civics test under section 15.1-21-27;
- 7        3. Completed a four-year rolling plan, as determined by the superintendent of public  
8        instruction;
- 9        4. Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale;
- 10       5. Completed the requirements in at least four of the following while enrolled in grades  
11       nine through twelve:
  - 12       a. Twenty-five hours of community service;
  - 13       b. A ninety-five percent attendance rate as determined under section 15.1-20-02.1,  
14       not including any school-related absences;
  - 15       c. A career exploration experience, as determined by the superintendent of public  
16       instruction;
  - 17       d. At least two years in organized cocurricular activities;
  - 18       e. At least two years in organized extracurricular activities;
  - 19       f. A capstone project, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction;
  - 20       g. An online learning course; and
  - 21       h. Successful demonstration of competency in twenty-first century skills, as  
22       determined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 23       6. Completed the requirements in two of the following subdivisions while enrolled in  
24       grades nine through twelve:
  - 25       a. (1) Received:
    - 26            (a) A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
    - 27            (b) A score of at least 1180 on an SAT; and
  - 28       (2) Completed the requirements in at least two of the following:
    - 29            (a) A grade of at least "C" in an advanced placement course;
    - 30            (b) A grade of at least "C" in a dual-credit English or mathematics course;
    - 31            (c) A grade of at least "C" in one unit of algebra II;

- 1                   (d) A score of at least three on an advanced placement examination;  
2                   (e) A score of at least four on an international baccalaureate examination;  
3                   and  
4                   (f) A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
5                   scale in core courses required for admission to institutions of higher  
6                   education under the control of the state board of higher education;
- 7           b. (1) Earned four units of career and technical education, including two units from  
8                   a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and  
9                   technical education and approved by the superintendent of public  
10                  instruction;
- 11           (2) Received:
- 12                  (a) A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or  
13                  (b) A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments  
14                   recommended by the department of career and technical education  
15                   and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 16           (3) Successfully completed the requirements in at least two of the following:
- 17                  (a) A career-ready practices course developed and recommended by the  
18                   department of career and technical education and approved by the  
19                   superintendent of public instruction;
- 20                  (b) A grade of at least "C" in a dual-credit course;  
21                  (c) A technical assessment or industry credential, as determined by the  
22                   department of career and technical education;
- 23                  (d) Forty hours in a workplace learning experience, approved by the  
24                   superintendent of public instruction;
- 25                  (e) Forty hours in a work-based learning experience aligned to the  
26                   Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century  
27                   Act [Pub. L. 115-224; 132 Stat. 1563; 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.]; and
- 28                  (f) Received:
- 29                   [1] A score of at least three on a reading and mathematics  
30                   assessment administered under subsection 1 of section  
31                   15.1-21-08 while enrolled in grades nine through twelve; or

[2] ACT scores of at least nineteen in English and at least twenty-two in mathematics if the school in which the student was enrolled used an ACT assessment for accountability; or

c. (1) Received:

(a) A score of at least thirty-one on an ASVAB test and successfully completed basic training in one of the branches of the United States military; or

(b) A score of at least eighty-five on an ASVAB test;

(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in a physical education course; and

(3) Completed any two of subparagraphs a through f of paragraph 2 of subdivision a, or any two of subparagraphs a through f of paragraph 3 of subdivision b.

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

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

1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.
- b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota scholarship, a North Dakota academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.
2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining ~~that~~ a

1 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
2 provide notification to the student within ten days.

3 3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

4 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
5 institution in which the student is enrolled.

6 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
7 semesters.

8 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
9 quarters.

10 b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the  
11 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.

12 6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
13 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4, ~~or~~ section 15.1-21-02.5, or section 2 of this  
14 Act and who:

15 a. Graduates from a high school in this state;

16 b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;

17 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a  
18 custodial parent in this state; or

19 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
20 15.1-23.

21 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
22 has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is  
23 attending.

24 b. A student who is enrolled less than full-time may retain scholarship eligibility if the  
25 student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The waiver of the  
26 full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to  
27 a student more than once.

28 c. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
29 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum  
30 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for  
31 the subsequent disbursement:

- 1 (1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;
- 2 (2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;
- 3 (3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;
- 4 (4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;
- 5 (5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and
- 6 (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

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

9 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 10 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
11 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota  
12 scholarship, ~~a North Dakota academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and~~  
13 ~~technical education scholarship~~ in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for  
14 each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited  
15 institution of higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point  
16 average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.
- 17 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
18 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction a North Dakota  
19 scholarship, ~~a North Dakota academic scholarship, or a North Dakota career and~~  
20 ~~technical education scholarship~~ in the amount of five hundred dollars for each  
21 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of  
22 higher education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of  
23 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree completion.
- 24 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure the student meets  
25 the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a recipient  
26 student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall provide  
27 notification to the student within ten days.
- 28 3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 29 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
30 institution in which the student is enrolled.



1 (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

2 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
3 amended and reenacted as follows:

4 **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

5 1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
6 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
7 of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
8 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
9 next semester in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided  
10 by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

11 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
12 higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
13 the student is no longer eligible to receive ~~any additional~~ North Dakota, North  
14 Dakota academic, or North Dakota career and technical education  
15 ~~scholarship~~scholarship.

16 2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
17 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
18 of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
19 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
20 next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by  
21 this section is applicable to a student only one time.

22 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
23 higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
24 the student is no longer eligible to receive ~~any additional~~ North Dakota, North  
25 Dakota academic, or North Dakota career and technical education  
26 ~~scholarship~~scholarship.

27 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

30 1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
31 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion



1 of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
2 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
3 next semester in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided  
4 by this section is applicable to a student only one time.

5 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
6 higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
7 the student is no longer eligible to receive a North Dakota, ~~North Dakota~~  
8 ~~academic, or North Dakota career and technical education~~ scholarship.

9 2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
10 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
11 of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
12 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
13 next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by  
14 this section is applicable to a student only one time.

15 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
16 higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
17 the student is no longer eligible to receive a North Dakota, ~~North Dakota~~  
18 ~~academic, or North Dakota career and technical education~~ scholarship.

19 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **15.1-21-02.9. North Dakota scholarship - Information system.**

22 Each school district shall use North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information  
23 system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the  
24 department of public instruction, to submit official transcripts for the North Dakota, North Dakota  
25 academic, or North Dakota career and technical education scholarship to the superintendent of  
26 public instruction.

27 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **15.1-21-02.9. North Dakota scholarship - Information system.**

30 Each school district shall use North Dakota eTranscripts, or an alternative information  
31 system designated by the information technology department in collaboration with the

1 department of public instruction, to submit official transcripts for the North Dakota,~~North Dakota-~~  
2 ~~academic, or North Dakota career and technical education~~ scholarship to the superintendent of  
3 public instruction.

4       **SECTION 10. REPEAL.** Sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota  
5 Century Code are repealed.

6       **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2, 5, 7, 9, and 10 of this Act become effective  
7 on July 31, 2024.