

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.