

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2304

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01, subsection 1 of
2 section 15.1-21-02, and subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to requiring all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in the
4 state to include curriculum on Native American history; and to provide an effective date.

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 federally recognized Indian tribes~~
14 in the state, and the geography, history, the federally recognized Indian tribes in
15 the state, and agriculture of this state, in the fourth and eighth grades.

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

- 18 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
19 nonpublic high school shall provide instruction in and/or make available to each
20 student:
- 21 a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
22 composition, and speech;
- 23 b. Four units of mathematics, including:
- 24 (1) One unit of algebra II; and

- 1 (2) One unit for which algebra II is a prerequisite;
- 2 c. Four units of science, including:
- 3 (1) One unit of physical science; and
- 4 (2) One unit of biology;
- 5 d. Four units of social studies, including:
- 6 (1) One unit of world history;
- 7 (2) One unit of United States history, including impacts to Native American
- 8 ~~tribes, tribal history, tribal sovereignty, and treaty rights~~; and
- 9 (3) (a) One unit of problems of democracy; or
- 10 (b) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
- 11 economics;
- 12 e. One-half unit of health;
- 13 f. One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that once
- 14 every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that includes
- 15 instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of personal
- 16 fitness;
- 17 g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- 18 h. Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
- 19 i. One unit of an advanced placement course or one unit of a dual-credit course;
- 20 and
- 21 j. Two units of career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 22 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 23 approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

24 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota

25 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 26 4. Three units of social studies, including:
- 27 a. One unit of United States history, including impacts to Native American
- 28 ~~tribes, tribal history, tribal sovereignty, and treaty rights~~;
- 29 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 30 or
- 31 (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 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on August 1, 2025.