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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2, 15.1-21-02.4, and 15.1-21-02.5  
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation 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 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, the following twenty-two units of high school  
8 coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:

- 9 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
10 composition, and speech;
- 11 2. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science approved  
12 by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 13 3. Three units of science, including:
  - 14 a. One unit of physical science;
  - 15 b. One unit of biology; and
  - 16 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
17 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 18 4. Three units of social studies, including:
  - 19 a. One unit of United States history;
  - 20 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
21 or  
22 (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. One unit of physical education; or
- 5 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 6 6. Three units of:
- 7 a. Foreign languages;
- 8 b. Native American languages;
- 9 c. Fine arts; or
- 10 d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 11 7. Any five additional units.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

15 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school  
16 year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in  
17 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a  
18 North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student:

- 19 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
20 composition, and speech;
- 21 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 22 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 23 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer  
24 science;
- 25 3. Completed three units of science, including:
  - 26 a. One unit of physical science;
  - 27 b. One unit of biology; and
  - 28 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
  - 29 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 30 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - 31 a. One unit of United States history;

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- 1           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
2                            or  
3           (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and  
4           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include  
5           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota  
6           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;  
7           5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or  
8           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;  
9           6. Completed:  
10           a. One unit selected from:  
11                       (1) Foreign languages;  
12                       (2) Native American languages;  
13                       (3) American sign language;  
14                       (4) Fine arts; or  
15                       (5) Career and technical education courses; and  
16           b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of  
17           career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public  
18           instruction;  
19           7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and  
20           technical education;  
21           8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
22                       scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on  
23                       all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and  
24                       (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or  
25           b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
26                       scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only  
27                       on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and  
28                       (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and  
29           9. Received:  
30           a. A composite score of at least twenty-four 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 3. 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 and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in  
9 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a  
10 North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

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

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- 1           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 2       6. a. Completed two units of:
- 3           (1) The same foreign language;
- 4           (2) The same native American language;
- 5           (3) American sign language; or
- 6           (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 7                 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 8                 approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 9       b. One unit selected from:
- 10           (1) Foreign languages;
- 11           (2) Native American languages;
- 12           (3) American sign language;
- 13           (4) Fine arts; or
- 14           (5) Career and technical education;
- 15       7. Completed any five additional units;
- 16       8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 17                 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 18                 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 19                 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 20       b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 21                 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 22                 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 23                 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 24       9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 25       10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 26                 of an advanced placement course and examination;
- 27       b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by
- 28                 completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary
- 29                 course offered for credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has
- 30                 a physical presence in this state; or

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- 1 c. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 2 means of a dual-credit course.