

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1122

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Hoverson, Howe, Mitskog, O'Brien, Roers Jones

Senators Bekkedahl, Luick

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, 15.1-21-02.6, and  
2 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the North Dakota  
3 career and technical education scholarship and the North Dakota academic scholarship for high  
4 school students enrolled in dual-credit or early entry courses.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

9 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school  
10 year ~~and~~; any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in  
11 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year; and any resident high  
12 school student enrolled in a science, mathematics, English, or computer science dual-credit or  
13 early entry course for which college credit is earned is eligible to receive a North Dakota career  
14 and technical education scholarship provided the student:

- 15 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
16 composition, and speech;
- 17 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
- 18 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and  
19 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer  
20 science;
- 21 3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
- 22 a. (1) One unit of biology;  
23 (2) One unit of chemistry; and  
24 (3) One unit of physics; or

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- 1           b. (1) One unit of biology;
- 2                   (2) One unit of physical science; and
- 3                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 4       4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 5           a. One unit of United States history;
- 6           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 7                   or
- 8                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 9           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 10           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 11           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 12       5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 13           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 14       6. Completed:
- 15           a. One unit selected from:
- 16                   (1) Foreign languages;
- 17                   (2) Native American languages;
- 18                   (3) American sign language;
- 19                   (4) Fine arts; or
- 20                   (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- 21           b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
- 22           career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
- 23           instruction;
- 24       7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and
- 25       technical education;
- 26       8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 27           scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 28           all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 29           (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or



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- 1        2.    Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 2            a.    One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction;
  - 3            b.    One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of  
4            public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
  - 5            c.    One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 6        3.    Completed three units of science, consisting of:
  - 7            a.    (1)   One unit of biology;
  - 8                        (2)   One unit of chemistry; and
  - 9                        (3)   One unit of physics; or
  - 10            b.    (1)   One unit of biology;
  - 11                        (2)   One unit of physical science; and
  - 12                        (3)   One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 13       4.    Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - 14            a.    One unit of United States history;
  - 15            b.    (1)   One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
16                        or
  - 17                        (2)   One unit of problems of democracy; and
  - 18            c.    One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include  
19            civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota  
20            studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 21       5.    a.    Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 22            b.    One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 23       6.    a.    Completed two units of:
  - 24                        (1)   The same foreign language;
  - 25                        (2)   The same native American language;
  - 26                        (3)   American sign language; or
  - 27                        (4)   Fine arts; or
  - 28                        (5)   Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study  
29                        recommended by the department of career and technical education and  
30                        approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 31            b.    One unit selected from:

- 1 (1) Foreign languages;
- 2 (2) Native American languages;
- 3 (3) American sign language;
- 4 (4) Fine arts; or
- 5 (5) Career and technical education;
- 6 7. Completed any five additional units;
- 7 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 8 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 9 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 10 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 11 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 12 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 13 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 14 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 15 9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 16 10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 17 of an advanced placement course and examination;
- 18 b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by
- 19 completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary
- 20 course offered for credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has
- 21 a physical presence in this state; or
- 22 c. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 23 means of a dual-credit course.
- 24 11. A resident high school student enrolled in a dual-credit or early entry course for which
- 25 college credit is earned is exempt from the requirements in subsections 1 through 7,
- 26 paragraph 2 of subdivision a of subsection 8, subdivision b of subsection 8, and
- 27 subsections 9 and 10.
- 28 12. A resident high school student who enrolls in and fails to pass a dual-credit or early
- 29 entry course for which college credit is earned is ineligible to receive an additional
- 30 scholarship under this section if the student enrolls in another dual-credit or early entry
- 31 course for which college credit is earned. A resident student may regain scholarship

1           eligibility once the student graduates from high school, if the student meets the  
2           requirements of this section.

3           **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5           **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

6           1.    a.    The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
7                    being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
8                    academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
9                    scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during  
10                   which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher  
11                   education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and  
12                   maintains progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student  
13                   enrolled in a dual-credit or early entry course for which college credit is earned,  
14                   the state board of higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic  
15                   scholarship in an amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college  
16                   credits equivalent to the dual-credit or early entry course in which the student is  
17                   enrolled. The amount may not exceed the highest tuition rate for an equivalent  
18                   college credit at an institution of higher education under the control of the state  
19                   board of higher education and the amount may not be applied if other scholarship  
20                   or grant funding sources cover the cost of tuition for the student.

21           b.    The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
22                    being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
23                    academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
24                    scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which  
25                    the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in  
26                    this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains  
27                    progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student enrolled  
28                   in a dual-credit or early entry course for which college credit is earned, the state  
29                   board of higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic scholarship in  
30                   an amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college credits equivalent to  
31                   the dual-credit or early entry course in which the student is enrolled. The amount

1                   may not exceed the highest tuition rate for an equivalent college credit at an  
2                   institution of higher education under the control of the state board of higher  
3                   education.

4           2.   The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
5           meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a  
6           recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
7           provide notification to the student within ten days.

8           3.   A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section,  
9           including payments for dual-credit or early entry courses.

10          4.   The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
11          institution in which the student is enrolled. If the student is a resident high school  
12          student currently enrolled in a dual-credit or early entry course for which college credit  
13          is earned and the student meets the requirements of subsections 8 and 11 of section  
14          15.1-21-02.5, the state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly  
15          to the institution of higher education through which the dual-credit or early entry course  
16          was offered to the student.

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

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

21          b.   A scholarship under this section is valid ~~only~~in any semester or quarter in which a  
22          resident high school student is enrolled in a dual-credit or early entry course for  
23          which college credit is earned and for six academic years after the student's  
24          graduation from high school and. The scholarship may be applied to a graduate  
25          program.

26          6.   A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
27          the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

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

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

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

- 1           d.    Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
2                    15.1-23; or  
3           e.    Enrolls in ~~and completes~~ a dual-credit or early entry course for which college  
4                    credit is earned.
- 5           7.    a.    For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
6                    has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is  
7                    attending.
- 8                    b.    A student who is enrolled less than full-time may retain scholarship eligibility if the  
9                    student is in the final semester or quarter before graduation. The waiver of the  
10                   full-time enrollment status requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to  
11                   a student more than once.
- 12           c.    For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
13                    "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum  
14                    number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for  
15                    the subsequent disbursement:  
16                    (1)   Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;  
17                    (2)   Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;  
18                    (3)   Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;  
19                    (4)   Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;  
20                    (5)   Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and  
21                    (6)   Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

22           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24           **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

- 25           1.    a.    Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
26                    average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
27                    of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
28                    North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
29                    next semester in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit  
30                    or early entry course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The  
31                    exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.



- 1           b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
2 higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
3 including grades earned through dual-credit or early entry courses, the student is  
4 no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and  
5 technical education scholarships.
- 6       2. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
7 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
8 of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
9 North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
10 next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit or  
11 early entry course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The  
12 exception provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 13       b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
14 higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
15 including grades earned through dual-credit or early entry courses, the student is  
16 no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career and  
17 technical education scholarships.