

2023 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1131

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1131
1/16/2023

Relating to optional high school curriculum

2:41 PM

Chairman Heinert opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives, Conmy, Dyk, Hager, Heilman, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons. Absent: Reps. Hauck and Hoverson.

Discussion Topics:

- Alternative pathway to High School Diploma
- Standard Based Grading systems
- Student Eligibility

Representative Brandy Pyle- Bill Sponsor #13290

Kevin Hoherz, NDCEL- In Support #13323

Representative Schreiber-Beck moved a **Do Pass**. **Representative Novak** seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	AB
Representative Dori Hauck	AB
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y

Motion Carried 12-0-2

Representative Jonas is the carrier.

Closed hearing at 2:49 PM.

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk

By Bev Monroe

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1131: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1131 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE EDUCATION

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1131
3/6/2023

Relating to optional high school curriculum.

11:00 AM Chair Elkin opened the hearing. Present: Chair Elkin, Vice Chair Beard, Sen Axtman, Sen Conley, Sen Lemm, and Sen Wobbema.

Discussion Topics:

- Verbiage change
- Alternative school
- Optional diploma

Rep Pyle, Dist 22, bill sponsor and testified in support #21405.

Kevin Hoherz, ND Council Education Leaders, testified in support #21356.

Alexis Baxley, ND School Boards, testified in support with no written testimony.

Sen Conley moved a DO PASS.

Sen Conley seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Jay Elkin	Y
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Axtman will carry the bill.

11:11 AM Chair Elkin closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1131: Education Committee (Sen. Elkin, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1131 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

HB 1131

**Proficiency in Standards Based Grading System – Rep. Brandy
Pyle
House Education Committee
January 16, 2023
2:30 p.m.**

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Thank you for the committee's consideration of HB 1131. I will take any questions you may have, but there are others here who will speak in favor of this proposed legislation.



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COMMITTEES:
Appropriations

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