

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Senate Amendments**

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1435**

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Grande, Mueller

Senators Dever, Dotzenrod, G. Lee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to inclusion of the Declaration of Independence and the United States  
3 Constitution in the high school social studies curriculum.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code  
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.2. High school coursework requirements.**

- 8 1. ~~Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no~~ A student may not graduate from a  
9 high school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of  
10 the following:
- 11 a. Four units of English language arts;
  - 12 b. Two units of mathematics;
  - 13 c. Two units of science;
  - 14 d. Three units of social studies, ~~which which may include one-half unit of North~~  
15 ~~Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies~~ including:
    - 16 (1) One unit of United States history;
    - 17 (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of  
18 economics, with a requirement that each student read the  
19 Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and  
20 the Bill of Rights; or
    - 21 (b) One unit of problems of democracy, with a requirement that each  
22 student read the Declaration of Independence, the United States  
23 Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; and

- 1                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may  
2                                 include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies,  
3                                 North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;  
4                   e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of  
5                                 health; and  
6                   f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and  
7                                 technical education.  
8                   2. The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to  
9                                 identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of  
10                                 subsection 1.  
11                   3. Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its  
12                                 graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.  
13                   4. A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in  
14                                 existence on June 30, 2007.