

SENATE BILL NO. 2222

Introduced by

Senators Flakoll, Grindberg, Murphy

Representatives Dosch, Heilman, Streyle

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to North Dakota scholarships.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

7 1. a. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
8 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
9 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
10 education scholarship, in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars, for each
11 semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
12 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
13 point average of 2.75.

14 ~~b. (2)~~ The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
15 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North
16 Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
17 education scholarship, in the amount of five hundred dollars, for each
18 quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited
19 institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade
20 point average of 2.75.

21 b. (1) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
22 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and who
23 is certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either
24 a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and

1 technical education scholarship, in the amount of one thousand two hundred
2 fifty dollars, for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time
3 at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
4 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

5 (2) The state board of higher education shall provide to any student who
6 graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school year and is
7 certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a
8 North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical
9 education scholarship, in the amount of eight hundred thirty-three dollars,
10 for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an
11 accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a
12 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

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

17 3. a. ~~A~~Except as provided in this subsection, a student is not entitled to receive more
18 than six thousand dollars under this section.

19 b. A student who graduates from high school during or after the 2012-13 school
20 year is entitled to receive up to ten thousand dollars under this section.

21 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
22 institution in which the student is enrolled.

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

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

27 b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years
28 after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to
29 graduate programs.

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

- 1 a. A high school in this state;
- 2 b. A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or
- 3 c. A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent
- 4 in this state.
- 5 7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
- 6 means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters
- 7 and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or
- 8 enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board
- 9 of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 10 b. (1) If after six consecutive semesters a student requires twenty-four or fewer
- 11 credits to graduate, the student may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling
- 12 in only twelve credits during each of the student's final two semesters, or the
- 13 equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher
- 14 education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 15 (2) The exception provided for in this subdivision is applicable to any student
- 16 graduating after June 30, 2013, but before July 1, 2015.