

**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 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

- 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



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

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

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

3       **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 4       1.   a.   The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
5           being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
6           academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
7           scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during  
8           which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher  
9           education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and  
10          maintains progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student  
11          enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned, the state board  
12          of higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic scholarship in an  
13          amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college credits equivalent to the  
14          dual-credit course in which the student is enrolled. The amount may not exceed  
15          the highest tuition rate for an equivalent college credit at an institution of higher  
16          education under the control of the state board of higher education.
- 17       b.   The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
18           being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
19           academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
20           scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which  
21           the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in  
22           this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains  
23           progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student enrolled  
24          in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned, the state board of  
25          higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic scholarship in an  
26          amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college credits equivalent to the  
27          dual-credit course in which the student is enrolled. The amount may not exceed  
28          the highest tuition rate for an equivalent college credit at an institution of higher  
29          education under the control of the state board of higher education.
- 30       2.   The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
31          meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a

1 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
2 provide notification to the student within ten days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a  
25 custodial parent in this state; ~~or~~

26 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
27 15.1-23; or

28 e. Enrolls in and completes a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned  
29 with a grade of at least "C" while in high school.

- 1           7.   a.   For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
2                    has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is  
3                    attending.
- 4            b.   For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
5                    "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum  
6                    number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for  
7                    the subsequent disbursement:
- 8                    (1)   Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;  
9                    (2)   Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;  
10                  (3)   Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;  
11                  (4)   Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;  
12                  (5)   Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and  
13                  (6)   Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

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

16           **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

- 17           1.   a.   Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
18                    average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
19                    of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
20                    North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
21                    next semester in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit  
22                    course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The exception  
23                    provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 24            b.   If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
25                    higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
26                    the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
27                    or career and technical education scholarships.
- 28           2.   a.   Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
29                    average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
30                    of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
31                    North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the



- 1                    next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit  
2                    course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The exception  
3                    provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 4                    b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
5                    higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
6                    the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
7                    or career and technical education scholarships.