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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1122

Introduced by

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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

- 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.
 - 22 a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
 - 23 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 24 6.
 - 25 a. Completed two units of:
 - 26 (1) The same foreign language;
 - 27 (2) The same native American language;
 - 28 (3) American sign language; or
 - 29 (4) Fine arts; or
 - 30 (5) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
31 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
32 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.