

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2136

Introduced by

Senators Poolman, Davison, Oban

Representatives Sanford, Strinden

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.4, subdivision a of subsection 6 of  
2 section 15.1-21-02.5, and sections 15.1-21-02.6 and 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to scholarship eligibility requirements and amounts for students; to repeal section  
4 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to scholarships for 2009-10 high  
5 school graduates; and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. (~~Effective~~**  
10 **~~through July 31, 2021~~)**

11 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school  
12 year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in  
13 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a  
14 North Dakota career 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, integrated math II, or integrated math III, as defined by the  
19 superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 20 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer  
21 science;
- 22 3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
  - 23 a. (1) One unit of biology;
  - 24 (2) One unit of chemistry; and

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- 1                   (3) One unit of physics; or
- 2           b. (1) One unit of biology;
- 3                   (2) One unit of physical science; and
- 4                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 5       4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 6           a. One unit of United States history;
- 7           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 8                   or
- 9                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 10          c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 11                   civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 12                   studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 13       5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 14           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 15       6. Completed:
- 16           a. One unit selected from:
- 17                   (1) Foreign languages;
- 18                   (2) Native American languages;
- 19                   (3) American sign language;
- 20                   (4) Fine arts; or
- 21                   (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- 22           b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
- 23                   career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
- 24                   instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public
- 25                   instruction. The education pathway must consist of ~~two units~~ one unit in teaching
- 26                   profession and educational methodology and at least one additional unit in
- 27                   advanced placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer
- 28                   leadership, or child-related careers;
- 29       7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and
- 30           technical education;



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- 1                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 2       4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 3       a. One unit of United States history;
- 4       b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 5                   or
- 6                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 7       c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 8                   eivics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 9                   studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 10      5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 11       b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 12      6. Completed:
- 13       a. One unit selected from:
- 14                   (1) Foreign languages;
- 15                   (2) Native American languages;
- 16                   (3) American sign language;
- 17                   (4) Fine arts; or
- 18                   (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- 19       b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
- 20                   career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
- 21                   instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public
- 22                   instruction which may be governed by rules adopted by the superintendent of
- 23                   public 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. ~~(1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading-~~  
2                     ~~scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only~~  
3                     ~~on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and~~  
4           ~~(2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and~~  
5       9. Received:  
6           a. ~~A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or~~  
7           b. ~~A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended-~~  
8                     ~~by the department of career and technical education and approved by the~~  
9                     ~~superintendent of public instruction.~~

10           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 6 of section 15.1-21-02.5 of the  
11 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 12           a. Completed two units of:  
13                     (1) The same foreign language;  
14                     (2) The same native American language;  
15                     (3) American sign language; or  
16                     (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study  
17                     recommended by the department of career and technical education and  
18                     approved by the superintendent of public instruction or an education  
19                     pathway, approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The  
20                     education pathway must consist of ~~two units~~one unit in teaching profession  
21                     and educational methodology and at least one additional unit in advanced  
22                     placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer  
23                     leadership, or child-related careers; and

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

26           **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 27           1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
28                     being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
29                     academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
30                     scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during  
31                     which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher

1 education ~~with a physical presence~~ in this state, maintains a cumulative grade  
2 point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree program  
3 completion.

4 b. 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 five hundred dollars for each quarter or clock-hour  
8 term during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of  
9 higher education ~~with a physical presence in this state or an accredited private~~  
10 ~~career school with a physical presence~~ in this state, maintains a cumulative  
11 grade point average of 2.75, and maintains progress toward degree program  
12 completion.

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 business days.

17 3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

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

20 5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
21 semesters:

22 (2) ~~This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive,~~  
23 ~~quarters, or clock-hour terms.~~

24 b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the  
25 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate or  
26 professional program.

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

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

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

- 1 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a  
2 custodial parent in this state; or
- 3 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
4 15.1-23.
- 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, or clock-hour term before  
10 graduation program completion. The waiver of the full-time enrollment status  
11 requirement for scholarship eligibility may not apply to a student more than once.
- 12 c. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,  
13 "progress toward ~~degree~~ program completion" means earning the following  
14 minimum number of credits after each semester ~~or~~ quarter, or clock-hour term  
15 disbursement to qualify for 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 8. For purposes of scholarship eligibility under this section, "clock-hour term" has the  
23 same meaning as the term is defined by the state board of higher education. The state  
24 board of higher education shall determine the conversion of:
- 25 a. Clock hours to credit hours; and  
26 b. Percentage-based grading to grade point average.

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

29 **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

- 30 1. a. Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
31 average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion

1 of a semester, quarter, or clock-hour term is below 2.75, the board shall grant an  
2 exception and provide the North Dakota scholarship to which the student would  
3 otherwise be entitled for the next semester, quarter, or clock-hour term in which  
4 the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is  
5 applicable to a student only one time.

6 b. If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
7 higher education at the conclusion of a semester, quarter, or clock-hour term is  
8 below 2.75 for a second time, the student is no longer eligible to receive any  
9 additional North Dakota academic or career and technical education  
10 scholarships.

11 2. a. ~~Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point~~  
12 ~~average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion of a~~  
13 ~~quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the North Dakota~~  
14 ~~scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the next quarter in~~  
15 ~~which the student is enrolled full time. The exception provided by this section is~~  
16 ~~applicable to a student only one time.~~

17 b. ~~If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board~~  
18 ~~of higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time, the~~  
19 ~~student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic or career~~  
20 ~~and technical education scholarships~~For purposes of scholarship eligibility under this  
21 section, "clock-hour term" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the state  
22 board of higher education. The state board of higher education shall determine the  
23 conversion of:

24 a. Clock hours to credit hours; and

25 b. Percentage-based grading to grade point average.

26 **SECTION 5. REPEAL.** Section 15.1-21-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

27 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.