

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2 and 15.1-21-02.3 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation and curriculum requirements.

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

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

6 **15.1-21-02.2. High school graduation - Minimum requirements.**

7 1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two  
8 units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school  
9 graduation:

10 4. a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
11 composition, and speech;

12 2. b. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science  
13 approved by the superintendent of public instruction;

14 3. c. Three units of science, consisting of:

15 a. (1) (a) One unit of biology;

16 ~~(2)~~ (b) One unit of chemistry; and

17 ~~(3)~~ (c) One unit of physics; or

18 b. ~~(1)(2)~~ (a) One unit of biology;

19 ~~(2)~~ (b) One unit of physical science; and

20 ~~(3)~~ (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;

21 4. d. Three units of social studies, including:

22 a. ~~(1)~~ One unit of United States history;

23 b. ~~(1)(2)~~ (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of  
24 economics; or

- 1                   (2) (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 2                   e. (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 3                                civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 4                                studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 5                   5. a-e. (1) One unit of physical education; or
- 6                                b. (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 7                   6. f. Three units of:
- 8                                a. (1) Foreign languages;
- 9                                b. (2) Native American languages;
- 10                              e. (3) Fine arts; or
- 11                              d. (4) Career and technical education courses; and
- 12                   7. g. Any five additional units.
- 13                   2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or
- 14                                nonpublic school may allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED
- 15                                assessment to satisfy the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of
- 16                                subsection 1.

17                   **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is

18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19                   **15.1-21-02.3. Optional high school curriculum - Requirements.**

- 20                   1. If after completing at least two years of high school a student has failed to pass at
- 21                                least one-half unit from three ~~subsections~~subdivisions in subsection 1 of section
- 22                                ~~15.1-21-02.1~~15.1-21-02.2 or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth
- 23                                percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the
- 24                                student may request that the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal
- 25                                meet with the student and the student's parent to determine if whether the student
- 26                                should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the
- 27                                requirements set forth in section ~~15.1-21-02.1~~15.1-21-02.2. If a student's parent
- 28                                consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the
- 29                                student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing the following
- 30                                requirements:

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- 1        4. a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
- 2                    composition, and speech;
- 3        2. b. Two units of mathematics;
- 4        3. c. Two units of science;
- 5        4. d. Three units of social studies, which may include up to one-half unit of North
- 6                    Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
- 7        5. ~~a-e.~~ (1) One unit of physical education; or
- 8                    b. (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 9        6. f. Two units of:
- 10                    a. (1) Foreign languages;
- 11                    b. (2) Native American languages;
- 12                    e. (3) Fine arts; or
- 13                    d. (4) Career and technical education courses; and
- 14        7. g. Any seven additional units.
- 15        2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or
- 16                    nonpublic school may allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED
- 17                    assessment to satisfy the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of
- 18                    subsection 1.