

**SENATE BILL NO. 2147**

Introduced by

Senators Oban, Holmberg, Schaible

Representatives Guggisberg, Monson, Pyle

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 develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow  
15                      a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to satisfy receive  
16                      credit for the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of 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:

