

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2304**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01, subsection 1 of
2 section 15.1-21-02, and subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code, relating to requiring all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in the
4 state to include curriculum on Native American history; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 8 3. Social studies, including:
- 9 a. The United States Constitution;
 - 10 b. United States history;
 - 11 c. Geography;
 - 12 d. Government; and
 - 13 e. North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, the federally
14 recognized Indian tribes in the state, and agriculture of this state, in the fourth
15 and eighth grades.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota
17 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 18 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
19 nonpublic high school shall provide instruction in or make available to each student:
- 20 a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
21 composition, and speech;
 - 22 b. Four units of mathematics, including:
 - 23 (1) One unit of algebra II; and
 - 24 (2) One unit for which algebra II is a prerequisite;

- 1 c. Four units of science, including:
2 (1) One unit of physical science; and
3 (2) One unit of biology;
- 4 d. Four units of social studies, including:
5 (1) One unit of world history;
6 (2) One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history;
7 and
8 (3) (a) One unit of problems of democracy; or
9 (b) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
10 economics;
- 11 e. One-half unit of health;
- 12 f. One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that once
13 every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that includes
14 instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of personal
15 fitness;
- 16 g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- 17 h. Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
- 18 i. One unit of an advanced placement course or one unit of a dual-credit course;
19 and
- 20 j. Two units of career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
21 recommended by the department of career and technical education and
22 approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

23 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota
24 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 25 4. Three units of social studies, including:
26 a. One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history;
27 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
28 or
29 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and

- 1 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
2 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
3 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;

4 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on August 1, 2025.