

SENATE BILL NO. 2312

Introduced by

Senators Holmberg, C. Nelson, W. Stenehjem

Representatives Berg, Kliniske, Poolman

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15-62.2-00.1 and 15-62.2-03.3 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to scholarships for postsecondary students.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-00.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
5 is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-62.2-00.1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
7 requires:

- 8 1. "Eligible candidate" means a graduate of a high school in this state or a resident of
9 this state for tuition purposes whose assessment composite scores on the test of
10 academic achievement administered by the American college testing program
11 place the student in at least the ninety-fifth percentile of all students taking the test
12 ~~for~~ by November first of the year preceding January first of the year in which the
13 student is applying for a scholarship, and who ranks in the upper twentieth
14 percentile of the student's high school class.
- 15 2. "Eligible institution" means an accredited public or nonprofit private postsecondary
16 institution in this state.
- 17 3. "Full-time resident student" means a person who is a graduate of a high school in
18 this state or who is a resident of this state for tuition purposes and who is enrolled
19 at an eligible institution carrying a course of study which is "full time" as defined by
20 the eligible institution.
- 21 4. "High school class rank" means the position a scholarship candidate holds in the
22 candidate's graduating class, ~~as of the seventh semester of the candidate's high~~
23 ~~school program~~ determined by the state board of higher education.

1 5. "Scholar" means a full-time resident student who is awarded a scholarship or who
2 has previously received a scholarship.

3 6. "Scholarship" means a financial award granted to a state scholar as determined by
4 this chapter.

5 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-62.2-03.3. Selection of scholars.** All eligible candidates must be ranked by their
8 composite scores on the test of academic achievement administered by the American college
9 testing program. If two or more eligible students have the same scores, they must be ranked by
10 their high school class rank calculated on a percentile basis. Scholarships must be offered to
11 students in descending order according to this ranking until available funds have been
12 expended, or until the pool of eligible applicants has been exhausted. Scholarships must be
13 awarded in ~~April~~ January of each year for the following academic year, or as soon thereafter as
14 practical.