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Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to high school course offerings.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

7 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
8 nonpublic high school shall make available to each ~~student~~ school year at least:

9 ~~4. Four units~~

10 a. One unit of English- language arts, which meets or exceeds the state content
11 standards, at each grade level from nine through twelve;

12 ~~2. Three units~~

13 b. One unit of mathematics-, which meets or exceeds the state content
14 standards, at each grade level from nine through twelve;

15 ~~3. Four units~~

16 c. One unit of science-, which meets or exceeds the state content standards, at
17 each grade level from nine through twelve;

18 ~~4. Three units~~

19 d. One unit of social studies, including one of world history and one of United
20 States history, both of which must emphasize geography-

21 ~~5. One~~ which meets or exceeds the state content standards, at each grade level from
22 nine through twelve;

23 e. One-half unit of health and physical education-

24 ~~6. One unit of music-~~

- 1 7. ~~Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise~~
2 ~~system, foreign language, American sign language, and vocational courses~~
3 ~~including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office~~
4 ~~technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education,~~
5 ~~technology education, and health careers. The vocational courses may be offered~~
6 ~~through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and~~
7 ~~technical education, which meets or exceeds the state content standards, at each~~
8 ~~grade level from nine through twelve;~~
9 f. One-half unit of physical education, which meets or exceeds the state content
10 standards, at each grade level from nine through twelve;
11 g. Two units of music, which meet or exceed the state content standards;
12 h. Three units of the same foreign language, which meet or exceed the state
13 content standards; and
14 i. Twenty-four units of elective courses.
15 2. For purposes of this section, "make available" means that:
16 a. Each public high school and nonpublic high school must allow students to
17 make course selections from a list that includes at least the course or unit
18 requirements set forth in subsection 1;
19 b. If a student selects a course or unit from the list required by subsection 1, the
20 public high school or the nonpublic high school must provide the course to the
21 student; and
22 c. The course or unit may be provided to the student through any delivery
23 method not contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual
24 instruction and distance learning options, including interactive video, computer
25 instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under
26 chapter 15.1-25.
27 3. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student
28 for the provision of or participation in courses or units as provided in this section,
29 other than the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.

- 1 4. If in order to meet the minimum course requirements of this section a school district
- 2 includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter
- 3 15.1-25, the school district must:
- 4 a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are
- 5 permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and
- 6 b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered
- 7 or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided
- 8 by the student or the student's family.