

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements; to amend and reenact section
3 15.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements
4 for students receiving home education; and to provide an effective date.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **High school coursework requirements.** Before a school district, a nonpublic high
9 school, or the North Dakota division of independent study issues a high school diploma to a
10 student, the student must have successfully completed at least twenty-one units of high school
11 coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings established by section 15.1-21-02.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-23-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **15.1-23-17. Home education - High school diplomas.**

- 15 1. A child's school district of residence, an approved nonpublic high school, or the
16 North Dakota division of independent study may issue a high school diploma to a
17 child who, through home education, has met the issuing entity's requirements for
18 high school graduation provided the child's parent submits to the issuing entity a
19 description of the course material covered in each high school subject, a
20 description of the course objectives and how the objectives were met, and a
21 transcript of the child's performance in grades nine through twelve.
- 22 2. In the alternative, a high school diploma may be issued by the child's school district
23 of residence, an approved nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of
24 independent study provided the child, through home education, has completed at

1 least ~~seventeen~~ twenty-one units of high school coursework from the minimum
2 required curriculum offerings established by law for public and nonpublic schools
3 and the child's parent or legal guardian submits to the issuing entity a description
4 of the course material covered in each high school subject, a description of the
5 course objectives and how the objectives were met, and a transcript of the child's
6 performance in grades nine through twelve. The issuing entity may indicate on a
7 diploma issued under this subsection that the child was provided with home
8 education.

- 9 3. If for any reason the documentation required in subsection 1 or 2 is unavailable,
10 the entity issuing the diploma may accept any other reasonable proof that the child
11 has met the applicable requirements for high school graduation.

12 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.