

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

Introduced by

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Senator Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-01 and 15.1-21-02 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to required instruction and North Dakota studies.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-01. ~~Education of students—Requirements~~ Elementary and middle**
7 **schools - Required instruction.** ~~The~~ In order to be approved by the superintendent of public
8 instruction, each public and nonpublic elementary and middle school shall ensure that provide
9 to students ~~receive education~~ instruction in:

- 10 1. English language arts, including reading, composition, creative writing, English
11 grammar, and spelling.
- 12 2. Mathematics.
- 13 3. Social studies, including ~~the~~:
 - 14 a. The United States Constitution; and;
 - 15 b. United States history, ~~geography, and government;~~
 - 16 c. Geography;
 - 17 d. Government; and
 - 18 e. North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, and
19 agriculture of this state, in the fourth and eighth grades.
- 20 4. Science, including agriculture.
- 21 5. Physical education.
- 22 6. Health, including physiology, hygiene, disease control, and the nature and effects
23 of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics.

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

3 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

4 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
5 nonpublic high school shall make available to each student:

- 6 a. Four units of English language arts;
- 7 b. Four units of mathematics;
- 8 c. Four units of science;
- 9 d. Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United
10 States history;
- 11 e. One-half unit of health;
- 12 f. One-half unit of physical education;
- 13 g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- 14 h. Two units of the same foreign language; and
- 15 i. Two units of career and technical education.

16 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, each public and nonpublic high
17 school shall make available to each student, at least once every two years,
18 one-half unit of North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history,
19 and agriculture of this state.

20 3. Each unit which must be made available under ~~subsection 4~~ this section must
21 meet or exceed the state content standards.

22 ~~3.~~ 4. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "make
23 available" means that:

- 24 a. Each public high school and nonpublic high school shall allow students to
25 select units over the course of a high school career from a list that includes at
26 least ~~all the units provided in subsection 4~~ those required by this section;
- 27 b. If a student selects a unit from the list required by ~~subsection 4~~ this section,
28 the public high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to
29 the student; and
- 30 c. The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method not
31 contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual instruction and

1 distance learning options, including interactive video, computer instruction,
2 correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under chapter
3 15.1-25.

4 ~~4.~~ 5. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student
5 for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than
6 the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.

7 ~~5.~~ 6. If in order to meet the minimum requirements of this section a school district
8 includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter
9 15.1-25, the school district shall:

10 a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are
11 permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and

12 b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered
13 or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided
14 by the student or the student's family.

15 ~~6.~~ 7. The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools or
16 alternative high school education programs.