

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to exemption from high school curriculum requirements for the high school education  
3 program at the youth correctional center; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

7 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

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

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

20 2. Each unit which must be made available under subsection 1 must meet or exceed  
21 the state content standards.

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

- 1           a. Each public high school and nonpublic high school shall allow students to
- 2           select units over the course of a high school career from a list that includes at
- 3           least all the units provided in subsection 1;
- 4           b. If a student selects a unit from the list required by subsection 1, the public
- 5           high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to the student;
- 6           and
- 7           c. The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method not
- 8           contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual instruction and
- 9           distance learning options, including interactive video, computer instruction,
- 10          correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under chapter
- 11          15.1-25.
- 12        4. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student
- 13        for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than
- 14        the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.
- 15        5. If in order to meet the minimum requirements of this section a school district
- 16        includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter
- 17        15.1-25, the school district shall:
- 18           a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are
- 19           permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and
- 20           b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered
- 21           or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided
- 22           by the student or the student's family.
- 23        6. The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools ~~or~~,
- 24        alternative high school education programs, or the high school education program
- 25        at the youth correctional center.

26        **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.