

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1435

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Grande, Mueller

Senators Dever, Dotzenrod, G. Lee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to inclusion of the Declaration of Independence and the United States
3 Constitution in the high school social studies curriculum.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.2. High school coursework requirements.**

8 1. ~~Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no~~ A student may not graduate from a
9 high school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of
10 the following:

11 a. Four units of English language arts;

12 b. Two units of mathematics;

13 c. Two units of science;

14 d. Three units of social studies, including:

15 (1) One-half unit of United States government, with a requirement that
16 each student read the Declaration of Independence and the United
17 States Constitution; and

18 (2) Two and one-half additional social studies units, which may include
19 one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural
20 studies;

21 e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of
22 health; and

23 f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
24 technical education.

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- 1 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to
- 2 identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of
- 3 subsection 1.
- 4 3. Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its
- 5 graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.
- 6 4. A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in
- 7 existence on June 30, 2007.