

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1564

Introduced by

Representatives Weiler, Thoreson, Wieland, Wolf

Senators Bakke, G. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02 and section
2 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to personal finance as a required high
3 school unit; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

- 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:
- 9 a. Four units of English language arts;
 - 10 b. Four units of mathematics;
 - 11 c. Four units of science;
 - 12 d. Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United
13 States history;
 - 14 e. One-half unit of personal finance;
 - 15 f. One-half unit of health;
 - 16 ~~f.~~ g. One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that
17 once every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that
18 includes instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of
19 personal fitness;
 - 20 ~~g.~~ h. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
 - 21 ~~h.~~ i. Two units of the same foreign language; and
 - 22 ~~i.~~ j. Two units of career and technical education.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
24 is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **15.1-21-02.1. High school graduation - Diploma requirements.** ~~Before~~ Except as
2 provided in section 15.1-21-02.5, before a school district, a nonpublic high school, or the center
3 for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the student must have
4 successfully completed ~~at least twenty-one~~ the following twenty-two units of high school
5 coursework ~~from the minimum required curriculum offerings established by section 15.1-21-02.~~
6 ~~Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the number of units required by this section increases~~
7 ~~to twenty-two and beginning with the 2011-12 school year, the number of units required by this~~
8 ~~section increases to twenty-four:~~

- 9 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
10 composition, and speech;
- 11 2. Three units of mathematics;
- 12 3. Three units of science, including:
 - 13 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 14 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 15 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
16 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 17 4. Three units of social studies, including:
 - 18 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 19 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
20 economics; or
21 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
 - 22 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
23 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
24 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 25 5. a. One unit of physical education; or
26 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 27 6. Three units of:
 - 28 a. Foreign languages;
 - 29 b. Native American languages;
 - 30 c. Fine arts; or
 - 31 d. Career and technical education courses;

- 1 7. One-half unit of personal finance; and
- 2 8. Any four and one-half additional units.
- 3 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2010.