

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Schatz

- 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 unit of United States government, with a requirement that each  
16 student read the Declaration of Independence and the United States  
17 Constitution; and

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

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

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