

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2317

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Kilzer, Mathern

Representatives Hawken, L. Meier, Nathe

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the approval of theological studies instructors; and to amend and
3 reenact section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to theological studies
4 courses.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Approval of theological studies instructors.**

9 The board shall approve an individual to be an instructor of theological studies upon receipt
10 of the application and fees required under section 15.1-13-11 and pending completion of the
11 background check required by section 15.1-13-14, if the individual:

- 12 1. Holds a baccalaureate degree; and
13 2. Is recommended for approval as an instructor of theological studies by the governing
14 board of a nonpublic school offering a theological studies course.

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

17 **15.1-21-02.1. High school graduation - Diploma requirements.**

18 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, before a school district, a nonpublic high
19 school, or the center for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the
20 student must have successfully completed the following twenty-two units of high school
21 coursework:

- 22 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
23 composition, and speech;
24 2. Three units of mathematics;

- 1 3. Three units of science, including:
 - 2 a. One unit of physical science;
 - 3 b. One unit of biology; and
 - 4 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
 - 5 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 6 4. Three units of social studies, including:
 - 7 a. One unit of United States history;
 - 8 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
 - 9 or
 - 10 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
 - 11 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
 - 12 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
 - 13 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 14 5.
 - 15 a. One unit of physical education; or
 - 16 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 16 6. Three units of:
 - 17 a. Foreign languages;
 - 18 b. Native American languages;
 - 19 c. Fine arts; or
 - 20 d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 21 7. Any five additional units, two of which may be theological studies if taught in a
- 22 nonpublic school by an approved theological studies instructor.