

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1533

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Grindberg, Novak, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Vollmer

Senators Cleary, Meyer, Axtman

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 the addition of one-half unit of financial literacy to high school graduation~~  
3 ~~requirements for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-21 of the North Dakota Century~~  
4 ~~Code, relating to financial literacy and concepts of personal finance curriculum.~~

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

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

8 ~~—15.1-21-02.2. High school graduation - Minimum requirements. (Effective through~~  
9 ~~July 31, 2025)~~

10 ~~—1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two~~  
11 ~~units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school~~  
12 ~~graduation:~~

13 ~~—a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~  
14 ~~composition, and speech;~~

15 ~~—b. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science~~  
16 ~~approved by the superintendent of public instruction;~~

17 ~~—c. Three units of science, consisting of:~~

18 ~~—(1) (a) One unit of biology;~~

19 ~~—(b) One unit of chemistry; and~~

20 ~~—(c) One unit of physics; or~~

- 1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) (a) One unit of biology;~~  
2 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) One unit of physical science; and~~  
3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include~~  
4 ~~one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the~~  
5 ~~superintendent of public instruction;~~  
6 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ d. Three units of social studies, including:~~  
7 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) One unit of United States history;~~  
8 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of~~  
9 ~~economics; or~~  
10 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~  
11 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) 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 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ e. (1) One unit of physical education; or~~  
15 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~  
16 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ f. Three units of:~~  
17 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) Foreign languages;~~  
18 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Native American languages;~~  
19 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) Fine arts; or~~  
20 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) Career and technical education courses; and~~  
21 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ g. Any five additional units.~~  
22 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or~~  
23 ~~nonpublic school may develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow~~  
24 ~~a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for~~  
25 ~~the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.~~  
26 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ **High school graduation – Minimum requirements. (Effective after July 31, 2025)**~~  
27 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two~~  
28 ~~units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school~~  
29 ~~graduation:~~  
30 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~  
31 ~~composition, and speech;~~

- 1 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ b. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science and~~  
2 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ one-half unit of financial literacy approved by the superintendent of public~~  
3 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ instruction;~~
- 4 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ c. Three units of science, consisting of:~~  
5 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) (a) One unit of biology;~~  
6 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) One unit of chemistry; and~~  
7 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) One unit of physics; or~~  
8 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) (a) One unit of biology;~~  
9 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) One unit of physical science; and~~  
10 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include~~  
11 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the~~  
12 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ superintendent of public instruction;~~
- 13 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ d. Three units of social studies, including:~~  
14 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history;~~  
15 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of~~  
16 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ economics; or~~  
17 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~  
18 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~  
19 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~  
20 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history, and financial literacy;~~
- 21 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ e. (1) One unit of physical education; or~~  
22 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
- 23 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ f. Three units of:~~  
24 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (1) Foreign languages;~~  
25 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Native American languages;~~  
26 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (3) Fine arts; or~~  
27 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) Career and technical education courses, which may include one-half unit of~~  
28 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ financial literacy;~~
- 29 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ g. Any five additional units; and~~  
30 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ h. One unit of computer science or cybersecurity whether under subdivision b, c, or~~  
31 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ both; and~~

~~i. One-half unit of financial literacy, which may be used to satisfy a requirement under subdivisions b, d, or f.~~

~~j. The requirements of subdivision h are waived if the student has completed a computer science and cybersecurity integration plan approved by the school board.~~

~~2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or nonpublic school may develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.~~

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

**15.1-21-21. Financial literacy - Concepts of personal finance - Inclusion in curriculum.**

1. ~~Beginning July 1, 2010, each~~ Each school district shall require each student to complete one-half unit of financial literacy or ensure that its curriculum for either economics or problems of democracy includes the exposure of students to concepts of personal finance, including:
  - a. ~~Checkbook mechanics, including writing checks, balancing, and statement reconciliation~~ Budgeting and money management;
  - b. Saving ~~for larger purchases~~ and investing;
  - c. Credit, ~~including credit card usage, interest, and fees~~ and debt management;
  - d. ~~Earning power, including jobs for teenagers~~ Banking and financial services;
  - e. Taxation and ~~paycheck withholdings~~ income;
  - f. ~~College costs~~ Consumer skills and smart spending;
  - g. ~~Making and living within a budget~~ Insurance and risk management; and
  - h. ~~Mortgages, retirement savings, and investments~~ College and career financial planning;
  - i. Retirement planning; and
  - j. Entrepreneurship and economic concepts.
2. Upon written request, the superintendent of public instruction may allow a school district annually to select courses other than economics or problems of democracy for purposes of exposing students to the concepts of personal finance, as listed in this

- 1 section, provided the school district can demonstrate that the number of students
- 2 exposed to the concepts in the other selected courses would meet or exceed the
- 3 number of students exposed under the requirements of subsection 1.
- 4 3. The requirements of this section may be provided by the regular classroom teacher of
- 5 the course in which the concepts of personal finance are incorporated.