

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2031

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to required units for approved high schools; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

**15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and nonpublic high school shall make available to each student:
  - 4- a. Four units of English: language arts;
  - 2- b. ~~Three~~ Four units of mathematics-;
  - 3- c. Four units of science-;
  - 4- d. ~~Three~~ Four units of social studies, ~~including one of world history and one of United States history, both of which must emphasize geography-;~~
  - 5- e. ~~One~~ One-half unit of health ~~and~~ during each school year;
  - f. One-half unit of physical education- during each school year;
  - 6- g. ~~One unit of~~ Two units of fine arts, one of which must be music-;
  - 7- ~~Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise system, foreign language, American sign language, and vocational courses including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education, technology education, and health careers. The vocational courses may be offered through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and technical education.~~
    - h. Two units of the same foreign language;
    - i. Two units of vocational education; and
    - j. Twelve units of electives.
2. Each unit which must be made available under subsection 1 must meet or exceed the state content standards.
3. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Elective" means a unit not required by the school district for graduation.

b. "Make available" means that:

- (1) Each public high school and nonpublic high school shall allow students to select units from a list that includes at least all the units provided in subsection 1;
  - (2) If a student selects a unit from the list required by subsection 1, the public high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to the student; and
  - (3) The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method not contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual instruction and distance learning options, including interactive video, computer instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under chapter 15.1-25.
4. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.
  5. If in order to meet the minimum requirements of this section a school district includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter 15.1-25, the school district shall:
    - a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and
    - b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided by the student or the student's family.
  6. The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools or alternative high school education programs.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2004."

Renumber accordingly