

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2031

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Education Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to required units for approved high schools; and to provide an effective date.

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

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

6 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

- 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 4. a. Four units of English; language arts;
- 10 2. b. ~~Three~~ Four units of mathematics;:
- 11 3. c. Four units of science;:
- 12 4. d. ~~Three~~ Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of
13 United States history, both of which must emphasize geography;:
- 14 5. e. ~~One~~ One-half unit of health ~~and during each school year;~~
- 15 f. One-half unit of physical education; during each school year;
- 16 6. g. ~~One unit of~~ Two units of fine arts, one of which must be music;:
- 17 7. ~~Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise~~
18 ~~system, foreign language, American sign language, and vocational courses~~
19 ~~including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business and office~~
20 ~~technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education,~~
21 ~~technology education, and health careers. The vocational courses may be offered~~
22 ~~through cooperative arrangements approved by the state board for vocational and~~
23 ~~technical education.~~
- 24 h. Two units of the same foreign language;

- 1 i. Two units of vocational education; and
- 2 j. Twelve units of electives.
- 3 2. Each unit which must be made available under subsection 1 must meet or exceed
- 4 the state content standards.
- 5 3. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 6 a. "Elective" means a unit not required by the school district for graduation.
- 7 b. "Make available" means that:
- 8 (1) Each public high school and nonpublic high school shall allow students
- 9 to select units from a list that includes at least all the units provided in
- 10 subsection 1;
- 11 (2) If a student selects a unit from the list required by subsection 1, the
- 12 public high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to
- 13 the student; and
- 14 (3) The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method
- 15 not contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual
- 16 instruction and distance learning options, including interactive video,
- 17 computer instruction, correspondence courses, and postsecondary
- 18 enrollment under chapter 15.1-25.
- 19 4. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student
- 20 for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than
- 21 the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.
- 22 5. If in order to meet the minimum requirements of this section a school district
- 23 includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter
- 24 15.1-25, the school district shall:
- 25 a. Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are
- 26 permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and
- 27 b. Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered
- 28 or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided
- 29 by the student or the student's family.
- 30 6. The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools or
- 31 alternative high school education programs.

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