

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1048**

Introduced by

Representative Herbel

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 high school units; and to declare an emergency.

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. (Effective through June 30, 2005) High schools - Required units.** In  
7 order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and nonpublic high  
8 school shall make available to each student:

- 9 1. Four units of English.
- 10 2. Three units of mathematics.
- 11 3. Four units of science.
- 12 4. Three units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United  
13 States history, both of which must emphasize geography.
- 14 5. One unit of health and physical education.
- 15 6. One unit of music.
- 16 7. Any six units selected from business education, economics and the free enterprise  
17 system, foreign language, American sign language, and career and technical  
18 education courses, including family and consumer sciences, agriculture, business  
19 and office technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial  
20 education, technology education, and health careers. The career and technical  
21 education courses may be offered through cooperative arrangements approved by  
22 the department of career and technical education.

23 **(Effective after June 30, 2005) High schools - Required units.**

- 1           1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and  
2           nonpublic high school shall make available to each student:
  - 3           a. Four units of English language arts;
  - 4           b. Four units of mathematics;
  - 5           c. Four units of science;
  - 6           d. Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United  
7           States history;
  - 8           e. One-half unit of health ~~during each school year~~;
  - 9           f. One-half unit of physical education ~~during each school year~~;
  - 10          g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
  - 11          h. Two units of the same foreign language; and
  - 12          i. Two units of career and technical education.
- 13          2. Each unit which must be made available under subsection 1 must meet or exceed  
14          the state content standards.
- 15          3. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "make  
16          available" means that:
  - 17          a. Each public high school and nonpublic high school shall allow students to  
18          select units over the course of a high school career from a list that includes at  
19          least all the units provided in subsection 1;
  - 20          b. If a student selects a unit from the list required by subsection 1, the public  
21          high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to the student;  
22          and
  - 23          c. The unit may be provided to the student through any delivery method not  
24          contrary to state law and may include classroom or individual instruction and  
25          distance learning options, including interactive video, computer instruction,  
26          correspondence courses, and postsecondary enrollment under chapter  
27          15.1-25.
- 28          4. The board of a school district may not impose any fees or charges upon a student  
29          for the provision of or participation in units as provided in this section, other than  
30          the fees permitted by section 15.1-09-36.

- 1           5.    If in order to meet the minimum requirements of this section a school district  
2                   includes academic courses offered by a postsecondary institution under chapter  
3                   15.1-25, the school district shall:
- 4                   a.    Pay all costs of the student's attendance, except those fees that are  
5                               permissible under section 15.1-09-36; and
- 6                   b.    Transport the student to and from the location at which the course is offered  
7                               or provide mileage reimbursement to the student if transportation is provided  
8                               by the student or the student's family.
- 9           6.    The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools or  
10                   alternative high school education programs.

11           **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.