

HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

Introduced by

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Senator Taylor

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-01 and 15.1-21-02 of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to a requirement for North Dakota studies.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-01. Education of students - Requirements.** The superintendent of public
7 instruction shall ensure that students receive education in:

- 8 1. English language arts, including reading, composition, creative writing, English
9 grammar, and spelling.
- 10 2. Mathematics.
- 11 3. Social studies, including the United States Constitution, and United States history,
12 geography, and government.
- 13 4. Science, including agriculture.
- 14 5. North Dakota studies, including North Dakota history, geography, and agriculture.
- 15 6. Physical education.
- 16 ~~6.~~ 7. Health, including physiology, hygiene, disease control, and the nature and effects
17 of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **15.1-21-02. High schools - Required units.**

- 21 1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and
22 nonpublic high school shall make available to each student:
 - 23 a. Four units of English language arts;
 - 24 b. Four units of mathematics;

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- 1 c. Four units of science;
- 2 d. Four units of social studies, including one of world history and one of United
- 3 States history;
- 4 e. One-half unit of health;
- 5 f. One-half unit of physical education;
- 6 g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- 7 h. Two units of the same foreign language; and
- 8 i. Two units of career and technical education.
- 9 2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, each public and nonpublic high
- 10 school shall make available to each student, at least once every two years, one
- 11 unit of North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, and
- 12 agriculture of this state.
- 13 3. Each unit which must be made available under ~~subsection 4~~ this section must
- 14 meet or exceed the state content standards.
- 15 3- 4. 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 4~~ those required by this section;
- 20 b. If a student selects a unit from the list required by ~~subsection 4~~ this section,
- 21 the public high school or the nonpublic high school shall provide the unit to the
- 22 student; 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- 5. 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.

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- 1 ~~5-~~ 6. 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-~~ 7. The requirements of this section do not apply to alternative high schools or
10 alternative high school education programs.