

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2309

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Bakke, Freborg

Representatives Haas, Kaldor, R. Kelsch

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to high school coursework requirements; and to amend and reenact
3 section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation
4 requirements.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code
7 is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-21-02.1. High school ~~coursework~~ graduation requirements.** Before a school
9 district, a nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of independent study issues a
10 high school diploma to a student, the student must have successfully completed at least
11 twenty-one units of high school coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings
12 established by section 15.1-21-02. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the number of
13 units required by this section increases to twenty-two and beginning with the 2011-12 school
14 year, the number of units required by this section increases to twenty-four.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 **High school coursework requirements - Higher education admission**
18 **requirements.**

19 1. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, no student may graduate from a high
20 school in this state or be admitted to an institution of higher education in this state
21 unless the student demonstrates successful completion of the following:

- 22 a. Four years of English language arts;
23 b. Three years of mathematics;
24 c. Three years of science;

- 1 d. Three years of social studies or multicultural studies;
2 e. One year of physical education; and
3 f. One year of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
4 technical education.
- 5 2. Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, no student may graduate from a high
6 school in this state or be admitted to an institution of higher education in this state
7 unless the student demonstrates successful completion of the following:
- 8 a. Four years of English language arts;
9 b. Four years of mathematics;
10 c. Three years of science;
11 d. Three years of social studies or multicultural studies;
12 e. One year of physical education; and
13 f. Two years of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
14 technical education.