

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1435

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Grande, Mueller

Senators Dever, Dotzenrod, G. Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to inclusion of the Declaration of Independence and the United States
3 Constitution in the high school social studies curriculum.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code
6 is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.2. High school coursework requirements.**

8 1. ~~Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no~~ A student may not graduate from a
9 high school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of
10 the following:

- 11 a. Four units of English language arts;
- 12 b. Two units of mathematics;
- 13 c. Two units of science;
- 14 d. Three units of social studies, ~~which which may include one-half unit of North~~
15 ~~Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies~~ including:
- 16 (1) One unit of United States history;
- 17 (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
18 economics, with a requirement that each student read the
19 Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and
20 the Bill of Rights; or
- 21 (b) One unit of problems of democracy, with a requirement that each
22 student read the Declaration of Independence, the United States
23 Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; and

- 1 (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may
2 include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies,
3 North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
4 e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of
5 health; and
6 f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
7 technical education.
8 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to
9 identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of
10 subsection 1.
11 3. Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its
12 graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.
13 4. A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in
14 existence on June 30, 2007.