

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1291**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, and 15.1-21-02.6  
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of North Dakota scholarships to  
3 students who receive home education.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

8 Any resident student who graduates from a high school or completes a program of home  
9 education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23, during or after the 2010-11 school  
10 year, is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided  
11 the student:

- 12 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
13 composition, and speech;
- 14 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 15 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 16 b. Two units of any other mathematics;
- 17 3. Completed three units of science, including:
  - 18 a. One unit of physical science;
  - 19 b. One unit of biology; and
  - 20 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
  - 21 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 22 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - 23 a. One unit of United States history;

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- 1           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
2                            or  
3           (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and  
4           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include  
5           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota  
6           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;  
7           5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or  
8           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;  
9           6. Completed:  
10           a. One unit selected from:  
11                       (1) Foreign languages;  
12                       (2) Native American languages;  
13                       (3) American sign language;  
14                       (4) Fine arts; or  
15                       (5) Career and technical education courses; and  
16           b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of  
17           career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public  
18           instruction;  
19           7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and  
20           technical education;  
21           8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
22                       scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on  
23                       all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and  
24                       (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or  
25           b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
26                       scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only  
27                       on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and  
28                       (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and  
29           9. Received:  
30           a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or

- 1           b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended  
2           by the department of career and technical education and approved by the  
3           superintendent of public instruction.

4           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6           **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

7           Any resident student who graduates from a high school or completes a program of home  
8 education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23, during or after the 2010-11 school  
9 year, is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 10          1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
11           composition, and speech;
- 12          2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
- 13           a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and  
14           b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of  
15           public instruction, is a prerequisite;
- 16          3. Completed three units of science, including:
- 17           a. One unit of physical science;  
18           b. One unit of biology; and  
19           c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
20           (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 21          4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 22           a. One unit of United States history;  
23           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
24           or  
25           (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and  
26           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include  
27           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota  
28           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 29          5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or  
30           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 31          6. a. Completed:

- 1 (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
- 2 (2) American sign language; and
- 3 b. One unit selected from:
  - 4 (1) Foreign languages;
  - 5 (2) Native American languages;
  - 6 (3) American sign language;
  - 7 (4) Fine arts; or
  - 8 (5) Career and technical education;
- 9 7. Completed any five additional units, one of which must be in the area of fine arts or
- 10 career and technical education;
- 11 8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 12 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 13 all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 14 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 15 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 16 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 17 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 18 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 19 9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 20 10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 21 of an advanced placement course and examination; or
- 22 b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 23 means of a dual-credit course.

24 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 27 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
- 28 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
- 29 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
- 30 scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during

- 1           which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher  
2           education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 3           b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
4           being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
5           academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
6           scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which  
7           the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in  
8           this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 9           2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
10          meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a  
11          recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
12          provide notification to the student within ten days.
- 13          3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 14          4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
15          institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 16          5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
17                semesters.  
18                (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
19                quarters.
- 20          b. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years  
21          after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to  
22          graduate programs.
- 23          6. a. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who  
24          fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and ~~who~~  
25          graduates from:
- 26                a. (1) A high school in this state;  
27                ~~b.~~ (2) A high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; or  
28                e. (3) A nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial  
29                parent in this state.
- 30          b. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who  
31          completes the requirements of subsections 1 through 9 of section 15.1-21-02.4 or

1                    subsections 1 through 10 of section 15.1-21-02.5, through a program of home  
2                    education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.

3            7. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
4            means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters and  
5            enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or enrollment in  
6            the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher  
7            education, with respect to students in a quarter system.