

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the scholarship eligibility of students enrolled in external experiences.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 7 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
8 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
9 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
10 scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during  
11 which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher  
12 education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 13 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as  
14 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota  
15 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education  
16 scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which  
17 the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in  
18 this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
- 19 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
20 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a  
21 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
22 provide notification to the student within ten days.
- 23 3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

- 1           4.   The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
2           institution in which the student is enrolled.
- 3           5.   a.   (1)   This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
4           semesters.
- 5                 (2)   This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
6           quarters.
- 7           b.   However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years  
8           after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to  
9           graduate programs.
- 10          6.   A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills  
11          the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:
- 12           a.   Graduates from a high school in this state;
- 13           b.   Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 14           c.   Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a  
15           custodial parent in this state; or
- 16           d.   Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter  
17           15.1-23.
- 18          7.   a.   For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
19          means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters  
20          and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or  
21          enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board  
22          of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 23           b.   (1)   If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may  
24           retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least  
25           twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as  
26           determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students  
27           in a quarter system.
- 28                 (2)   Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the  
29           2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain  
30           scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the  
31           student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as

- 1                                   determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students  
2                                   in a quarter system.
- 3                   (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, as set  
4                   forth in subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in  
5                   a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external  
6                   experience, provided ~~the~~:
- 7                   (a) The external experience is equivalent to at least ~~twelve units~~six  
8                   credits, or such similar amount as determined by the state board of  
9                   higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system, ~~and~~  
10                  ~~considered to be a "full time" placement for purposes of meeting~~  
11                  ~~graduation requirements; and~~
- 12                  (b) The credits for the external experience, together with any other credits  
13                  in which the student is enrolled, total at least twelve.