

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1122**

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Hoverson, Howe, Mitskog, O'Brien, Roers Jones

Senators Bekkedahl, Luick

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.5, 15.1-21-02.6, and 15.1-21-02.8  
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the North Dakota academic  
3 scholarship for high school students enrolled in dual-credit courses.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

8 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school  
9 year ~~and~~, any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in  
10 accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year, and any resident high  
11 school student enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned is eligible to  
12 receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 13 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
14 composition, and speech;
- 15 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 16 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction;
  - 17 b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of  
18 public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
  - 19 c. One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 20 3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
  - 21 a. (1) One unit of biology;
  - 22 (2) One unit of chemistry; and
  - 23 (3) One unit of physics; or
  - 24 b. (1) One unit of biology;

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

- 1           b.   (1)   Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 2                       scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 3                       on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 4           (2)   Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 5       9.   Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 6       10.   a.   Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means
- 7                       of an advanced placement course and examination;
- 8           b.   Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by
- 9                       completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary
- 10                  course offered for credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has
- 11                  a physical presence in this state; or
- 12           c.   Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by
- 13                  means of a dual-credit course.
- 14       11.   A resident high school student enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit
- 15                  is earned is exempt from the requirements in subsections 1 through 7, 9, and 10, but
- 16                  must have obtained a grade of at least "C" in the dual-credit course.

17       **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19       **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 20       1.   a.   The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
- 21                       being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
- 22                       academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
- 23                       scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during
- 24                       which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher
- 25                       education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and
- 26                       maintains progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student
- 27                       enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned, the state board
- 28                       of higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic scholarship in an
- 29                       amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college credits equivalent to the
- 30                       dual-credit course in which the student is enrolled. The amount may not exceed

1           the highest tuition rate for an equivalent college credit at an institution of higher  
2           education under the control of the state board of higher education.

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, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains  
9           progress toward degree completion. For a resident high school student enrolled  
10          in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned, the state board of  
11          higher education shall provide a North Dakota academic scholarship in an  
12          amount equal to the tuition rate for the number of college credits equivalent to the  
13          dual-credit course in which the student is enrolled. The amount may not exceed  
14          the highest tuition rate for an equivalent college credit at an institution of higher  
15          education under the control of the state board of higher education.

16          2.   The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student  
17          meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a  
18          recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall  
19          provide notification to the student within ten days.

20          3.   A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.

21          4.   The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
22          institution in which the student is enrolled. If the student is a resident high school  
23          student currently enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned and  
24          the student meets the requirements of subsections 8 and 11 of section 15.1-21-02.5,  
25          the state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the  
26          institution of higher education through which the dual-credit course was offered to the  
27          student.

28          5.   a.   (1)   This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
29               semesters.

30               (2)   This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive  
31               quarters.

b. A scholarship under this section is valid ~~only~~in any semester or quarter in which a resident high school student is enrolled in a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned and for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school ~~and~~. The scholarship may be applied to a graduate program.

6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

- a. Graduates from a high school in this state;
- b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state; ~~or~~
- d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23; or
- e. Enrolls in and completes a dual-credit course for which college credit is earned with a grade of at least "C" while in high school.

7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time" has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is attending.

b. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for the subsequent disbursement:

- (1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;
- (2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;
- (3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;
- (4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;
- (5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and
- (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.8 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **15.1-21-02.8. North Dakota scholarship - Eligibility - One-time exception.**

- 2       1.   a.   Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
3               average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
4               of a semester is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
5               North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
6               next semester in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit  
7               course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The exception  
8               provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 9       b.   If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
10             higher education at the conclusion of a semester is below 2.75 for a second time,  
11             the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
12             or career and technical education scholarships.
- 13      2.   a.   Notwithstanding section 15.1-21-02.6, if a student's cumulative grade point  
14               average as determined by the state board of higher education at the conclusion  
15               of a quarter is below 2.75, the board shall grant an exception and provide the  
16               North Dakota scholarship to which the student would otherwise be entitled for the  
17               next quarter in which the student is enrolled full time or enrolled in a dual-credit  
18               course for which college credit is earned while in high school. The exception  
19               provided by this section is applicable to a student only one time.
- 20      b.   If a student's cumulative grade point average as determined by the state board of  
21             higher education at the conclusion of a quarter is below 2.75 for a second time,  
22             the student is no longer eligible to receive any additional North Dakota academic  
23             or career and technical education scholarships.