

Testimony to the House Education Committee

**Chairman Owens**

House Bill 1083

Good Morning Chairman Owens and members of the Education Committee. My name is Denton Zubke and I am the representative from District 39 which encompasses the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Slope, McKenzie and parts of Dunn. I am here to support HB 1083.

This bill codifies Section 1 and 2 of [Executive Order 2020-32.1](#), issued by Governor Burgum last spring, allowing high school students that earned a “D” in a course during the spring semester of the 2019-2020 school year to have that class count towards the requirements of the Academic and CTE Scholarship, therefore waiving the requirement of earning a C or better for the scholarship if earned during the second semester of last year. This was put into place for last spring due to the quick adjustment that schools and students had to make to distance learning due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This only applied to classes taken last spring due to the quick adjustment and does not apply to classes taken this year 2020-2021, since schools and students have had time to prepare for distance learning. The executive order has been rescinded but we want to ensure that any student that earned a D during the spring semester of 2020 ( whether they were a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior that year) is able to have that D count towards meeting the requirements and not hold against them the fact that there was a quick adjustment to a new type of learning that they had to adjust to.

I would answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully

Representative Denton Zubke