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(4) Career and technical education courses; and

g. Any five additional units; and

h. One unit of computer science or cybersecurity whether under subdivision b, c, or both.

i. The requirements of subdivision h of subsection 1 are waived if the student has completed a computer science and cybersecurity integration plan approved by the school board.

2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or nonpublic school may develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.

**SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 15.1-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Authority - Adult learning - Computer operations and cybersecurity instruction.**

The superintendent of public instruction shall provide grants to school districts, nonpublic schools, area career and technology centers, job service North Dakota workforce centers, public libraries, and adult education centers to offer computer operations and cybersecurity courses for adults, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. School districts, nonpublic schools, public libraries, area career and technology centers, job service North Dakota workforce centers, and adult education centers shall use all or part of the grant money to pay a stipend to a teacher of the course. The superintendent of public instruction shall ~~adopt rules~~ create guidance to implement the grant program.

**SECTION 5. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 4 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2025, and after that date is ineffective.