

HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Bolinske, Fisher, Heinert, Hoverson, D. Ruby, M. Ruby, VanWinkle,
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Senators Burckhard, Castaneda, Lemm

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the waiver and substitution of one unit required for high school graduation
3 under emergent circumstances.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 ~~15.1-21-02.2. High school graduation -- Minimum requirements. (Effective through~~
8 ~~July 31, 2025)~~

9 1. ~~Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two~~
10 ~~units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school~~
11 ~~graduation:~~

12 a. ~~Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
13 ~~composition, and speech;~~

14 b. ~~Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science~~
15 ~~approved by the superintendent of public instruction;~~

16 e. ~~Three units of science, consisting of:~~

17 (1) (a) ~~One unit of biology;~~

18 (b) ~~One unit of chemistry; and~~

19 (c) ~~One unit of physics; or~~

20 (2) (a) ~~One unit of biology;~~

21 (b) ~~One unit of physical science; and~~

- 1 c. Three units of science, consisting of:
- 2 (1) (a) One unit of biology;
- 3 (b) One unit of chemistry; and
- 4 (c) One unit of physics; or
- 5 (2) (a) One unit of biology;
- 6 (b) One unit of physical science; and
- 7 (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include
- 8 one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the
- 9 superintendent of public instruction;
- 10 d. Three units of social studies, including:
- 11 (1) One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history;
- 12 (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
- 13 economics; or
- 14 (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 15 (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 16 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 17 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 18 e. (1) One unit of physical education; or
- 19 (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 20 f. Three units of:
- 21 (1) Foreign languages;
- 22 (2) Native American languages;
- 23 (3) Fine arts; or
- 24 (4) Career and technical education courses;
- 25 g. Any five additional units; and
- 26 h. One unit of computer science or cybersecurity whether under subdivision b, c, or
- 27 both.
- 28 i. The requirements of subdivision h are waived if the student has completed a
- 29 computer science and cybersecurity integration plan approved by the school
- 30 board.

- 1 2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or
2 nonpublic school may develop:
- 3 a. Develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow a passing score
4 on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for the
5 corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.
- 6 b. Establish a policy to allow a student to receive credit for no more than one unit
7 under subsection 1 for completing an alternative course, including an elective
8 course and dual-credit course, if the student demonstrates an emergent
9 circumstance.