

HOUSE BILL NO. 1533

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Grindberg, Novak, O'Brien, Schreiber-Beck, Vollmer

Senators Cleary, Meyer, Axtman

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 addition of one-half unit of financial literacy to high school graduation
3 requirements.

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~~

22 (c) ~~One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include~~
23 ~~one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the~~
24 ~~superintendent of public instruction;~~

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- 1 d. ~~Three units of social studies, including:~~
2 (1) ~~One unit of United States history;~~
3 (2) (a) ~~One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of~~
4 ~~economics; or~~
5 (b) ~~One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
6 (3) ~~One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~
7 ~~civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~
8 ~~studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
9 e. (1) ~~One unit of physical education; or~~
10 (2) ~~One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
11 f. ~~Three units of:~~
12 (1) ~~Foreign languages;~~
13 (2) ~~Native American languages;~~
14 (3) ~~Fine arts; or~~
15 (4) ~~Career and technical education courses; and~~
16 g. ~~Any five additional units.~~
17 2. ~~If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or~~
18 ~~nonpublic school may develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow~~
19 ~~a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for~~
20 ~~the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.~~

21 **High school graduation - Minimum requirements. (Effective after July 31, 2025)**

- 22 1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two
23 units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:
24 a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
25 composition, and speech;
26 b. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science and
27 one-half unit of financial literacy approved by the superintendent of public
28 instruction;
29 c. Three units of science, consisting of:
30 (1) (a) One unit of biology;
31 (b) One unit of chemistry; and

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

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