

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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; for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-21 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to financial literacy and concepts of personal finance curriculum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 ~~c. Three units of science, consisting of:~~

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

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

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

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- 1 ~~_____ (2) (a) One unit of biology;~~
2 ~~_____ (b) One unit of physical science; and~~
3 ~~_____ (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include~~
4 ~~_____ one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the~~
5 ~~_____ superintendent of public instruction;~~
6 ~~_____ d. Three units of social studies, including:~~
7 ~~_____ (1) One unit of United States history;~~
8 ~~_____ (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of~~
9 ~~_____ economics; or~~
10 ~~_____ (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and~~
11 ~~_____ (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include~~
12 ~~_____ civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota~~
13 ~~_____ studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;~~
14 ~~_____ e. (1) One unit of physical education; or~~
15 ~~_____ (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;~~
16 ~~_____ f. Three units of:~~
17 ~~_____ (1) Foreign languages;~~
18 ~~_____ (2) Native American languages;~~
19 ~~_____ (3) Fine arts; or~~
20 ~~_____ (4) Career and technical education courses; and~~
21 ~~_____ g. Any five additional units.~~
22 ~~_____ 2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or~~
23 ~~_____ nonpublic school may develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow~~
24 ~~_____ a passing score on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for~~
25 ~~_____ the corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.~~
26 ~~_____ **High school graduation - Minimum requirements. (Effective after July 31, 2025)**~~
27 ~~_____ 1. Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two~~
28 ~~_____ units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school~~
29 ~~_____ graduation:~~
30 ~~_____ a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~
31 ~~_____ composition, and speech;~~

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

1 ~~i. One half unit of financial literacy, which may be used to satisfy a requirement~~
2 ~~under subdivisions b, d, or f.~~

3 ~~j. The requirements of subdivision h are waived if the student has completed a~~
4 ~~computer science and cybersecurity integration plan approved by the school~~
5 ~~board.~~

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

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

12 **15.1-21-21. Financial literacy - Concepts of personal finance - Inclusion in curriculum.**

13 1. ~~Beginning July 1, 2010, each~~Each school district shall require each student to
14 complete one-half unit of financial literacy or ensure that its curriculum for either
15 economics or problems of democracy includes the exposure of students to concepts of
16 personal finance, including:

17 a. ~~Checkbook mechanics, including writing checks, balancing, and statement~~
18 ~~reconciliation~~Budgeting and money management;

19 b. ~~Saving for larger purchases~~and investing;

20 c. ~~Credit, including credit card usage, interest, and fees~~ and debt management;

21 d. ~~Earning power, including jobs for teenagers~~Banking and financial services;

22 e. ~~Taxation and paycheck withholdings~~income;

23 f. ~~College costs~~Consumer skills and smart spending;

24 g. ~~Making and living within a budget~~Insurance and risk management; and

25 h. ~~Mortgages, retirement savings, and investments~~College and career financial
26 planning;

27 i. ~~Retirement planning;~~ and

28 j. ~~Entrepreneurship and economic concepts.~~

29 2. Upon written request, the superintendent of public instruction may allow a school
30 district annually to select courses other than economics or problems of democracy for
31 purposes of exposing students to the concepts of personal finance, as listed in this

- 1 section, provided the school district can demonstrate that the number of students
2 exposed to the concepts in the other selected courses would meet or exceed the
3 number of students exposed under the requirements of subsection 1.
- 4 3. The requirements of this section may be provided by the regular classroom teacher of
5 the course in which the concepts of personal finance are incorporated.