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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1033

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		4300-5234
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Siechtner</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch opened hearing on HB 1033

Anita Thomas, Attorney for the Legislative Council and legal council for the interim Education Committee.

The interim committee was charged with studying K-12 Education during the insuring 5-10-20-years. Within those parameters the committee received a great deal of testimony and discussion on the concept of local control vs. constitutional obligations, that required the legislative assemble to provide for a uniform system of free public school. The committee felt that it would be appropriate to impose on the school district, certain minimum requirements regarding there educational offerings.

Now once this issue came up there has been a long standing assumption that the state has in statute a requirement regarding the minimum number of credits need for high school graduation. That assumption is not accurate. A few sessions ago the legislative assemble adopted language that required home school student to have at least 17 units in order to obtain a high school

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diploma. As for public and nonpublic there is no statute requirement. It was left up to the local district. The interim committee determined that there should be a statute which sets the requirement for the min. amount of units needed in order to graduate from a high school in this state and the number that was selected was 21. The committee was told that most school districts were already at or above this requirement. And nothing in this bill would preclude a school district from requiring more units in order for the students to graduate. Section 1 of the bill you have in front of you sets the 21 unit requirement for public and nonpublic, and division for independent students. and section 2 of the bill imposes the same requirement on home schooled students. The interim committee recommended this bill by a vote of 21-0.

Anita Decker, Department of Public Instruction, School Approval and Accreditation.

See Attached Testimony (4800)

Rep. Mueller Have you gotten any feed back from schools on this issue since it surfaced?

Decker: None.

Bev Nielson, ND School Boards Association.

Passed resolution in the fall to support this legislation. Recognizing the need to have uniformity.

OPPOSITION - none.

Closed the hearing

Date: 1/15/03Roll Call Vote #: 12003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1033House HOUSE EDUCATION

Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do passMotion Made By MeierSeconded By Herbel

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	✓				
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Haas	✓				
Rep. Hawken	✓				
Rep. Herbel	✓				
Rep. Meier	✓				
Rep. Norland	✓				
Rep. Sitte		✓			
Rep. Hanson	✓				
Rep. Hunsakor	✓				
Rep. Mueller	✓				
Rep. Solberg	✓				
Rep. Williams	✓				

Total (Yes) 13No 1Absent 0Floor Assignment Meier

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 16, 2003 8:04 a.m.

Module No: HR-08-0630
Carrier: Meler
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1033: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1033 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1033

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-26-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-9.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Johnson</i>			

Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on HB 1033 which relates to high school graduation requirements and the requirements for students receiving home education and to provide an effective date.

Testimony in support of HB 1033:

ANITA THOMAS, Attorney, Legislative Council, explained the bill to the committee. This bill came from the interim education committee. It puts into statute the minimum number of units needed for high school graduation. It has been assumed that there was a required seventeen units needed, but this is not in statute. This would put the number of twenty-one units into statute and would include public, non-public and home-schooled students. This bill does not preclude a school from requiring more units for graduation.

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SENATOR FREBORG asked how the number twenty-one was reached. MS. THOMAS stated the committee had looked at twenty-four, but that would have affected a significant number of districts.

ANITA DECKER, Director School Approval and Accreditation, DPI, testified in support of the bill. (see attached) She also presented a fact sheet that showed the required units in all school districts in the state. (see attached)

SENATOR COOK asked to what degree do school districts in ND offer different diplomas. Are school districts issuing a "participation" diploma for students who have put in the time, but have not successfully completed the course work. MS. DECKER replied that the school districts determine what the standards are for meeting their requirements. There could be some of what Senator Cook is talking about, but she feels this has fallen pretty much by the wayside.

SENATOR LEE asked what is the typical number of units a student graduates with. MS. DECKER stated this is not reported to DPI.

SENATOR FREBORG asked what the value of a "complementary" diploma would be. MS. DECKER replied that it is valued by employers most of the time, although it is debatable.

SENATOR COOK stated that a high school diploma is needed to enlist in the armed services. MS. DECKER stated they prefer a high school diploma, but under some circumstances will accept other criteria, such as home education or an adult education program.

BEV NIELSON, ND School Board Association, stated their support for this bill. They agree the state should set a minimum number of units required for graduation. This meets some standards for uniformity.

There was no opposition to HB 1033.

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The hearing was closed.

SENATOR COOK moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR CHISTENSON.

Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

Carrier: SENATOR LEE

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Date: 2/26/03

Roll Call Vote #: 7

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

Senate EDUCATION

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Action Taken

Motion Made By

[illegible]**Total (Yes)**

Absent

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 26, 2003 12:42 p.m.

Module No: SR-34-3507
Carrier: G. Lee
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1033: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1033 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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TESTIMONY ON HB 1033
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
January 15, 2003
by Anita K. Decker, Director
School Approval and Accreditation
328-1718
Department of Public Instruction

Madame Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Anita Decker and I am the director of School Approval and Accreditation for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here to speak in favor of HB1033 regarding high school graduation requirements for North Dakota's high schools.

High school graduation requirements vary from state to state. Nearly all states, however, have statutory minimum course requirements that must be met before a high school diploma is granted. According to a report from the Education Commission of the States requirements vary from 13 to 24 units.

Currently, North Dakota has no statutory requirement on units required for high school graduation although there is a common perception that a minimum of 17 is set by law. The North Dakota University System admissions requires 13 units and recommends an additional 3 units.

The handout lists North Dakota school districts by enrollment and shows the number of credits required for graduation as reported to the Department this fall. This information is also available on each school's profile which is on the Department's website. Eleven schools reported raising their graduation requirements this school year.

Fifty-four percent of schools already meet the requirements in this bill. Only two schools in the top three enrollment categories would have to raise their graduation requirements more than one unit. Nine schools in the lowest enrollment category would have to raise their requirements more than a single unit. Only one nonpublic school and one state school would need more than one additional unit.

Based on this report, Madame Chair and members of the committee, we would urge a do-pass on HB1033 with the recommendation that the provisions of this bill apply to the graduating class of 2005.

Madame Chair, this concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.

ND Highschool Districts and Their Graduation Requirements (2002-2003)

NDDPI 01/14/2003

te: Taken from the MIS01 reports submitted by the districts.

HS 550+			
45	001	Dickinson 1	28.00
09	001	Fargo 1	22.00
09	006	West Fargo 6	22.00
36	001	Devils Lake 1	22.00
08	001	Bismarck 1	21.00
18	001	Grand Forks 1	21.00
40	007	Belcourt 7	21.00
30	001	Mandan 1	20.00
47	001	Jamestown 1	20.00
61	001	Minot 1	20.00
63	001	Williston 1	20.00
HS 150-549			
29	003	Hazen 3	22.50
02	002	Valley City 2	22.00
03	030	Ft Totten 30	22.00
05	001	Bottineau 1	22.00
16	010	Carrington 10	22.00
17	003	Beach 3	22.00
18	044	Larimore 44	22.00
29	027	Beulah 27	22.00
07	019	Lisbon 19	22.00
001		Dunseith 1	22.00
49	014	May-Port CG 14	22.00
51	007	United 7	22.00
09	002	Kindred 2	21.25
31	001	New Town 1	21.25
06	001	Bowman 1	21.00
09	017	Central Cass 17	21.00
10	023	Langdon Area 23	21.00
51	041	Surrey 41	21.00
11	041	Oakes 41	20.00
18	061	Thompson 61	20.00
25	001	Velva 1	20.00
27	001	McKenzie Co 1	20.00
28	004	Washburn 4	20.00
34	006	Cavaller 6	20.00
35	005	Rugby 5	20.00
39	037	Wahpeton 37	20.00
50	003	Grafton 3	20.00
50	073	Park River 78	20.00
52	038	Harvey 38	20.00
HS 75-149			
32	066	Lakota 66	24.00
37	022	Enderlin 22	23.00
01	013	Hettinger 13	22.00
097		Northern Cass 97	22.00
018		Griggs County Central 18	22.00

HS 75-149			(cont.)
25	060	TGU 60	22.00
31	002	Stanley 2	22.00
34	019	Drayton 19	22.00
45	013	Belfield 13	22.00
46	010	Hope 10	22.00
48	008	Southern 8	22.00
49	003	Central Valley 3	22.00
09	004	Maple Valley 4	21.00
11	040	Ellendale 40	21.00
14	001	New Rockford 1	21.00
15	036	Linton 36	21.00
18	128	Midway 128	21.00
18	129	Northwood 129	21.00
21	001	Mott-Regent 1	21.00
21	009	New England 9	21.00
23	008	LaMoure 8	21.00
28	051	Garrison 51	21.00
30	007	New Salem 7	21.00
32	001	Dakota Prairie 1	21.00
33	018	Center 18	21.00
34	027	Walhalla 27	21.00
38	026	Glenburn 26	21.00
39	044	Richland 44	21.00
41	002	Milnor 2	21.00
45	009	S Heart 9	21.00
49	007	Hatton 7	21.00
49	009	Hillsboro 9	21.00
53	015	Toga 15	21.00
19	049	Elgin-New Leipzig 49	20.50
03	009	Maddock 9	20.00
12	001	Divide County 1	20.00
13	016	Killdeer 16	20.00
22	026	Steele-Dawson 26	20.00
23	003	Edgeley 3	20.00
24	002	Napoleon 2	20.00
26	019	Wishek 19	20.00
28	001	Montefiore 1	20.00
28	008	Underwood 8	20.00
30	048	Glen Ullin 48	20.00
31	003	Parshall 3	20.00
39	008	Hankinson 8	20.00
39	028	Lidgerwood 28	20.00
39	042	Wyndmere 42	20.00
40	003	St John 3	20.00
40	004	Mt Pleasant 4	20.00
45	034	Richardton-Taylor 34	20.00
50	020	Minto 20	20.00

HS 75-149 (cont.)		
028	Kenmare 28	20.00
025	Fessenden-Bowdon 25	20.00
53 006	Eight Mile 6	20.00
38 009	Mohall 9	19.00
41 006	Sargent Central 6	18.00
HS 1-74		
47 003	Medina 3	25.00
22 028	Tappen 28	24.00
51 054	Berthold 54	23.25
27 036	Mandaree 36	23.00
48 002	Bisbee-Egeland 2	23.00
02 065	N Central 65	22.00
03 029	Warwick 29	22.00
05 054	Newburg-United 54	22.00
07 036	Burke Central 36	22.00
20 007	Midkota 7	22.00
24 056	Gackle-Streeter 56	22.00
30 013	Hebron 13	22.00
35 001	Wolford 1	22.00
51 158	N Shore 158	22.00
27 002	Alexander 2	21.50
51 016	Sawyer 16	21.50
28 085	White Shield 85	21.25
03 006	Leeds 6	21.00
033	Scranton 33	21.00
014	Border Central 14	21.00
22 020	Tuttle-Pettibone 20	21.00
28 072	Turtle Lake-Mercer 72	21.00
29 022	Stanton 22	21.00
34 001	Pembina 1	21.00
41 003	North Sargent 3	21.00
42 019	McClusky 19	21.00
43 003	Solen 3	21.00
43 004	Ft Yates 4	21.00
46 019	Finley-Sharon 19	21.00
47 010	Pingree-Buchanan 10	21.00
47 014	Montpellier 14	21.00
07 014	Bowbells 14	20.50
34 012	Valley 12	20.25
02 082	Wimbledon-Courtenay 82	20.00
05 013	Willow City 13	20.00
05 017	Westhope 17	20.00
06 017	Rhame 17	20.00
07 027	Powers Lake 27	20.00
08 028	Wing 28	20.00
10 019	Munich 19	20.00
13 019	Halliday 19	20.00
14 012	Sheyenne 12	20.00
15 015	Strasburg 15	20.00
018	Roosevelt 18	20.00

HS 1-74 (cont.)		
23 007	Kulm 7	20.00
23 009	Marion 9	20.00
23 011	Verona 11	20.00
25 014	Anamoose 14	20.00
25 057	Drake 57	20.00
26 004	Zeeland 4	20.00
28 050	Max 50	20.00
29 020	Golden Valley 20	20.00
30 039	Flasher 39	20.00
36 002	Edmore 2	20.00
36 044	Starkweather 44	20.00
39 018	Fairmount 18	20.00
40 029	Rolette 29	20.00
42 016	Goodrich 16	20.00
43 008	Selfridge 8	20.00
48 028	N Central 28	20.00
50 079	Fordville 79	20.00
50 106	Edinburg 106	20.00
52 039	Sykes 39	20.00
53 091	Wildrose-Alamo 91	20.00
03 005	Minnewaukan 5	19.00
15 006	Hazleton-Moffit-Braddock 6	19.00
53 002	Nesson 2	19.00
34 043	St Thomas 43	18.75
34 055	Neché 55	18.00
38 002	Sherwood 2	18.00
47 019	Kensal 19	17.25
26 009	Ashley 9	17.00
53 099	Grenora 99	17.00
Private		
53 418	Mon-Dak Regional Teen Challenge	26.00
08 409	St Marys Central High School	24.00
08 415	Shiloh Christian School	24.00
09 401	Fargo Catholic Schools Network	24.00
09 405	Oak Grove Lutheran High School	24.00
08 410	Dakota Adventist Academy	22.00
18 428	New Testament Baptist Christian Sch	22.00
26 400	Faith Christian School	22.00
45 410	Dickinson Trinity High School	22.00
27 415	Johnson Corners Christian Academy	21.00
51 409	Bishop Ryan High School	20.50
51 401	Dakota Memorial High School	20.00
51 425	Our Redeemers Christian School	20.00
50 402	Thomas More Academy	15.00
State		
36 800	School for the Deaf	25.00
30 800	Marmot Schools	21.00
09 801	Division of Independent Study	19.00
BIA		
43 900	Standing Rock Comm Schools	20.00

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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