

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE BILL NO. 2309  
(Senators Nething, Bakke, Freborg)  
(Representatives Haas, Kaldor, R. Kelsch)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school coursework requirements; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-21-02.1. High school coursework graduation requirements.** Before a school district, a nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of independent study issues a high school diploma to a student, the student must have successfully completed at least twenty-one units of high school coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings established by section 15.1-21-02. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the number of units required by this section increases to twenty-two and beginning with the 2011-12 school year, the number of units required by this section increases to twenty-four.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**High school coursework requirements.**

1. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no student may graduate from a high school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of the following:
  - a. Four units of English language arts;
  - b. Two units of mathematics;
  - c. Two units of science;
  - d. Three units of social studies, which may include one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
  - e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of health; and
  - f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and technical education.
2. The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of subsection 1.
3. Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.
4. A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in existence on June 30, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2309.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    42        Nays    4        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    71        Nays    21       Absent    2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State