

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2309**

Introduced by

Senators Nething, Bakke, Freborg

Representatives Haas, Kaldor, R. Kelsch

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to high school coursework requirements; and to amend and reenact
3 section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation
4 requirements.

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

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

8 **15.1-21-02.1. High school ~~coursework~~ graduation requirements.** Before a school
9 district, a nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of independent study issues a
10 high school diploma to a student, the student must have successfully completed at least
11 twenty-one units of high school coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings
12 established by section 15.1-21-02. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, the number of
13 units required by this section increases to twenty-two and beginning with the 2011-12 school
14 year, the number of units required by this section increases to twenty-four.

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

17 **High school coursework requirements.**

18 1. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no student may graduate from a high
19 school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of the
20 following:

21 a. Four units of English language arts;

22 b. Two units of mathematics;

23 c. Two units of science;

- 1 d. Three units of social studies, which may include one-half unit of North Dakota
2 studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
3 e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of
4 health; and
5 f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
6 technical education.
- 7 2. The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to
8 identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of
9 subsection 1.
- 10 3. Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its
11 graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.
- 12 4. A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in
13 existence on June 30, 2007.