

April 16, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1194-1219 of the House Journal and pages 1059-1084 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1400 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, remove "15.1-21-02.2,"

Page 1, line 8, after the fourth comma insert "15.1-21-02.2,"

Page 11, replace lines 6 through 31 with:

"SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.2. ~~High school coursework requirements~~ Optional high school curriculum - 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.~~

If after completing at least two years of high school a student has failed to pass at least one-half unit from three subsections in section 15.1-21-02.1 or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the student may request that the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal meet with the student and the student's parent

to determine if the student should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the requirements set forth in section 15.1-21-02.1. If a student's parent consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing the following requirements:

1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Two units of mathematics;
3. Two units of science;
4. Three units of social studies, which may include up to one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
5. a. One unit of physical education; or
b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Two units of:
 - a. Foreign languages;
 - b. Native American languages;
 - c. Fine arts; or
 - d. Career and technical education courses; and
7. Any seven additional units.

SECTION 12. Section 15.1-21-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.3. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.

Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:

1. a. Completes one unit of algebra II in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2 of section 15.1-21-02.1;
b. Completes two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
c. Completes three additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;
2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;
3. Obtains a cumulative grade point of at least "B"; and
4. Receives:
 - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT;

- b. A score of at least one thousand one hundred on the critical reading and mathematics portions of the SAT; or
- c. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

SECTION 13. Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota academic scholarship. Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student completes all requirements set forth in subsections 1 through 5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.1 for a high school diploma and:

- 1. a. Completes one unit of algebra II in fulfillment of the mathematics requirement set forth in subsection 2 of section 15.1-21-02.1;
- b. Completes one additional unit of mathematics for which algebra II is a prerequisite; and
- c. Completes:
 - (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
 - (2) One unit of fine arts or career and technical education; and
 - (3) One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and technical education;
- 2. Obtains a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit required for the diploma;
- 3. Obtains a cumulative grade point of at least "B";
- 4. Receives a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT or a score of at least one thousand one hundred on the critical reading and mathematics portions of the SAT; and
- 5. Completes one unit of an advanced placement course and examination or a dual-credit course.

SECTION 14. Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.

- 1. The state board of higher education shall provide to any eligible student a North Dakota scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars for each semester during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a grade point average of 2.75.
- 2. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
- 3. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

4. This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters. However, a scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the student's graduation from high school and may not be applied to graduate programs.
5. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible student who graduates from a high school in this state or from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29."

Page 12, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 13, remove lines 1 through 31

Page 14, remove lines 1 through 4

Page 40, line 7, remove "15.1-21-02.2," and remove the second comma

Renumber accordingly