

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1435

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Grande, Mueller

Senators Dever, Dotzenrod, G. Lee

- 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 inclusion of the Declaration of Independence and the United States  
3 Constitution in the high school social studies curriculum.

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

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

7 **15.1-21-02.2. High school coursework requirements.**

- 8 1. ~~Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, no~~ A student may not graduate from a  
9 high school in this state unless the student demonstrates successful completion of  
10 the following:
- 11 a. Four units of English language arts;
  - 12 b. Two units of mathematics;
  - 13 c. Two units of science;
  - 14 d. Three units of social studies, including:
    - 15 (1) One-half unit of United States government or problems of democracy,
    - 16 with a requirement that each student read the Declaration of
    - 17 Independence and the United States Constitution; and
    - 18 (2) Two and one-half additional social studies units, which may include
    - 19 one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural
    - 20 studies;
  - 21 e. One unit of physical education, which may include up to one-half unit of
  - 22 health; and
  - 23 f. One unit of a foreign or native American language, fine arts, or career and
  - 24 technical education.

- 1           2.    The superintendent of public instruction shall work with each school district to
- 2                identify course offerings that meet the requirements of subdivisions a through f of
- 3                subsection 1.
- 4           3.    Before September first of each year, each school district shall file a copy of its
- 5                graduation requirements with the superintendent of public instruction.
- 6           4.    A school district may not reduce its graduation requirements below those in
- 7                existence on June 30, 2007.