

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE BILL NO. 2317
(Senators Wardner, Kilzer, Mathern)
(Representatives Hawken, L. Meier, Nathe)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the approval of theological studies instructors; and to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to theological studies courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Approval of theological studies instructors.

The board shall approve an individual to be an instructor of theological studies upon receipt of the application and fees required under section 15.1-13-11 and pending completion of the background check required by section 15.1-13-14, if the individual:

1. Holds a baccalaureate degree; and
2. Is recommended for approval as an instructor of theological studies by the governing board of a nonpublic school offering a theological studies course.

SECTION 2. 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 graduation - Diploma requirements.

Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, before a school district, a nonpublic high school, or the center for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the student must have successfully completed the following twenty-two units of high school coursework:

1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Three units of mathematics;
3. Three units of science, including:
 - a. One unit of physical science;
 - b. One unit of biology; and
 - c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
(2) Two one-half units of any other science;
4. Three units of social studies, including:
 - a. One unit of United States history;
 - b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics; or
(2) One unit of problems of democracy; and

- c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
5.
 - a. One unit of physical education; or
 - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Three units of:
 - a. Foreign languages;
 - b. Native American languages;
 - c. Fine arts; or
 - d. Career and technical education courses; and
7. Any five additional units, two of which may be theological studies if taught in a nonpublic school by an approved theological studies instructor.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2317.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 2 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 1 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2011.

Governor

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Secretary of State