

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1291  
(Representatives K. Koppelman, Karls, Kasper, B. Koppelman, Rohr, Thoreson)  
(Senators Larsen, Schaible, Sitte)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.4, 15.1-21-02.5, and 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the provision of North Dakota scholarships to students who receive home education; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship.**

Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship provided the student:

1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - b. Two units of any other mathematics;
3. Completed 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. Completed 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. Completed one unit of physical education; or
  - b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. Completed:

- a. One unit selected from:
  - (1) Foreign languages;
  - (2) Native American languages;
  - (3) American sign language;
  - (4) Fine arts; or
  - (5) Career and technical education courses; and
- b. 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;
7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and technical education;
8. a.
  - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
  - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- b.
  - (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
  - (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
9. Received:
  - a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
  - b. 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 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school year and any resident student who completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23 during or after the 2012-13 school year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction, is a prerequisite;
3. Completed 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. Completed 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. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
6. a. Completed:
- (1) Two units of the same foreign or native American language; or
  - (2) Two units of American sign language; and
- b. One unit selected from:
- (1) Foreign languages;
  - (2) Native American languages;
  - (3) American sign language;
  - (4) Fine arts; or
  - (5) Career and technical education;
7. Completed any five additional units, one of which must be in the area of fine arts or career and technical education;
8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means of an advanced placement course and examination; or

- b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means of a dual-credit course.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education 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 cumulative grade point average of 2.75.  
b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars for each quarter during which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in this state and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.
2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall provide notification to the student within ten days.
3. A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.
4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled.
5. a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive semesters.  
(2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive quarters.  
b. 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.
6. A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who ~~graduates from~~:
  - a. A Graduates from a high school in this state;
  - b. A Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29; ~~or~~
  - c. A Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a custodial parent in this state; or
  - d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter 15.1-23.
7. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time" means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.

**SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1291 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 90                      Nays 0                      Absent 4

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 45                      Nays 0                      Absent 2

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,  
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Secretary of State