

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1258**  
**with Conference Committee Amendments**  
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Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Dosch, J. Kelsh, Skarphol

Senators Hogue, Robinson, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.5 and subsection 7 of section  
2 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility requirements for the North  
3 Dakota academic scholarship.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

8 Any resident student who graduates from a high school during or after the 2010-11 school  
9 year is eligible to receive a North Dakota academic scholarship provided the student:

- 10 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
11 composition, and speech;
- 12 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 13 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 14 b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of  
15 public instruction, is a prerequisite;
- 16 3. Completed three units of science, including:
  - 17 a. One unit of physical science;
  - 18 b. One unit of biology; and
  - 19 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or  
20 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 21 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - 22 a. One unit of United States history;
  - 23 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
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- 1                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 2           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 3                   civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 4                   studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 5           5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 6                   b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 7           6. a. Completed two units of:
- 8                   (1) ~~Two units of the~~The same foreign or native American language;
- 9                   (2) The same native American language;
- 10                  (3) American sign language; or
- 11                  (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 12                          recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 13                          approved by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- 14                  b. One unit selected from:
- 15                          (1) Foreign languages;
- 16                          (2) Native American languages;
- 17                          (3) American sign language;
- 18                          (4) Fine arts; or
- 19                          (5) Career and technical education;
- 20           7. Completed any five additional units, ~~one of which must be in the area of fine arts or~~
- 21                          ~~career and technical education;~~
- 22           8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 23                          scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 24                          all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and
- 25                          (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 26                  b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 27                          scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 28                          on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 29                          (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit;
- 30           9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and

- 1       10.   a.   Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means  
2                   of an advanced placement course and examination; or  
3                b.   Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by  
4                   means of a dual-credit course.

5               **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7               7.   a.   For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"  
8                   means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters  
9                   and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or  
10                  enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board  
11                  of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- 12              b.   (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may  
13                  retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least  
14                  twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as  
15                  determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students  
16                  in a quarter system.
- 17              (2) Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the  
18                  2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain  
19                  scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the  
20                  student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as  
21                  determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students  
22                  in a quarter system.
- 23              (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, as set  
24                  forth in subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in  
25                  a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external  
26                  experience, provided the external experience is equivalent to at least twelve  
27                  units, or such similar amount as determined by the state board of higher  
28                  education, with respect to students in a quarter system, and considered to  
29                  be a "full time" placement for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.