

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2185
(Senators Poolman, Meyer, Schaible)
(Representatives Owens, Streyle)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.2, 15.1-21-02.4, and 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to high school graduation requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. 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 graduation - Minimum requirements.

Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, the following twenty-two units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school graduation:

1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
2. Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science approved by the superintendent of public instruction;
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.

SECTION 2. 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, which may include one unit of computer science;
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 3. 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; and
 - c. One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 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 two units of:
 - (1) The same foreign language;
 - (2) The same native American language;
 - (3) American sign language; or
 - (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public instruction; 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;
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;
 - b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary course offered for

credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has a physical presence in this state; or

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

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-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2185.

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 1 Absent 3

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 8 Absent 0

Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State