



1 HB 1083 – State Scholarship Requirements for Spring 2020

2 NDCEL Support

3 Good afternoon – my name is Dr. Aimee Copas and I am here today representing NDCEL and our  
4 North Dakota K12 School Leaders.

5 Today this bill offers our students an opportunity to succeed for future years regardless of a  
6 circumstance outside of their control this past year with COVID 19.

7 During the crisis, the Governor extended Executive Order 2020-32.1 which suspended the ACT  
8 or grade requirements in relation to the ND Student Academic or CTE scholarship for graduating  
9 seniors of the 2020 class. However, the impact of that semester impacts more students than just  
10 last year’s seniors. That semester could be viewed as a blip on the screen or if not adjusted, could  
11 be the determining factor for a now current Sophomore, Junior, or Senior that struggled in the  
12 unfortunate environment they were in last March, April, and May of 2020.

13 This bill would allow those students to rise up and overcome that semester and still qualify for the  
14 scholarship allowing their other performance to dictate their future. This is a good and reasonable  
15 bill and is good for the students of North Dakota.

16 We as that you strongly consider sending this bill out with your approval.