

Introduction and support testimony for:

HB1305 – Incorporating additional and different requirements for the North Dakota scholarship

Chairman Elkin, Vice-Chair Beard, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

For the record, I am Cindy Schreiber-Beck, District 25 Representative.

House Bill 1305 was written to incorporate additional and different requirements for what is termed the new North Dakota Scholarship that was created with HB2289 in 2021. That legislation provided scholarship eligibility requirements for those students who graduate Choice Ready. Students who graduate in 2023 and 2024 can apply for either the original Academic and Career and Technical Education Scholarship or the new North Dakota Scholarship. The graduating class of 2025 will be the first students required to graduate Choice Ready.

The following changes to 15.1-21-02.10 were made due to feedback from representatives from schools and the military.

Page 2, Line 21: added option of ***A grade of at least “C” in three fine arts courses*** – an option under the Post-Secondary Ready Pathway

Page 3, Line 6: added option of ***Three units of the same world language, indigenous language, or sign language*** – as an alternative to the requirement to have four Career and Technical Education Credits

Page 3, Line 10: added option of ***A score of at least 1180 on an *SAT*** – option under Workforce Ready as an alternative to scoring 24 or higher on the ACT (technical correction from last session)

Page 4, Lines 8 through 14: added alternative language within the requirement change: (Military Ready)

- (a) A score of at least ***fifty*** on an *****ASVAB*** test; ***or***
- (b) ***A score of at least thirty-one on an ASVAB test and successfully completed basic training in one of the branches of the United States military before high school graduation or within ninety days of graduating from high school. Upon successful completion from basic training, the student must provide a certificate of completion from basic training to the department of public instruction.***

Page 4, Lines 18 through 22: added ***(b) two units of junior reserve officers’ training corps; or (c) two units of civil air patrol*** (options under Military Ready)

These incorporated additional and different requirements are not individual requirements but additional or updated options for students who graduate Choice Ready for post-secondary education, the workforce, or the military.

*SAT scores **help colleges compare students from different high schools**. Your scores show your strengths and readiness for college work. Standardized test scores are just one part of a college application, along with grades, course rigor, and recommendations.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a heavily researched and well-respected aptitude test developed by the Department of Defense. It measures a young adult’s strengths and potential for success in military training. ASVAB scores are used primarily to determine **enlistment eligibility, assign applicants to **military jobs**, and aid students in **career exploration**.