

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1135**

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Cory, Heinert, D. Johnson, Sanford

Senators Oban, Schaible, Weber

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 15.1-21-02.4 and 15.1-21-02.5 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for the North Dakota career and technical education  
3 scholarship and the North Dakota academic scholarship for high school students enrolled in  
4 school districts using course proficiency-based grading systems.

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

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

8 **15.1-21-02.4. North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. (Effective**  
9 **through July 31, 2021)**

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

- 14 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
15 composition, and speech;
- 16 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 17 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 18 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer  
19 science;
- 20 3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
  - 21 a. (1) One unit of biology;
  - 22 (2) One unit of chemistry; and
  - 23 (3) One unit of physics; or
  - 24 b. (1) One unit of biology;

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- 1                   (2) One unit of physical science; and
- 2                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 3       4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 4       a. One unit of United States history;
- 5       b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 6                   or
- 7                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 8       c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 9                   civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 10                  studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 11       5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 12               b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 13       6. Completed:
- 14       a. 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 courses; and
- 20       b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of
- 21               career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public
- 22               instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public
- 23               instruction. The education pathway must consist of two units in teaching
- 24               profession and educational methodology and at least one additional unit in
- 25               advanced placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer
- 26               leadership, or child-related careers;
- 27       7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and
- 28               technical education;
- 29       8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 30               scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based on
- 31               all high school units in which the student was enrolled; and

- 1 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 2 b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
- 3 scale, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction, based only
- 4 on the units required by subsections 1 through 7; and
- 5 (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C" in each unit or one-half unit; and
- 6 9. Received:
- 7 a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
- 8 b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended
- 9 by the department of career and technical education and approved by the
- 10 superintendent of public instruction.

11 **North Dakota career and technical education scholarship. (Effective after July 31,**  
12 **2021)**

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

- 17 1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
18 composition, and speech;
- 19 2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
  - 20 a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction; and
  - 21 b. Two units of any other mathematics, which may include one unit of computer  
22 science;
- 23 3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
  - 24 a. (1) One unit of biology;
  - 25 (2) One unit of chemistry; and
  - 26 (3) One unit of physics; or
  - 27 b. (1) One unit of biology;
  - 28 (2) One unit of physical science; and
  - 29 (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 30 4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
  - 31 a. One unit of United States history;

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- 1           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;  
2                            or  
3           (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and  
4           c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include  
5           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota  
6           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;  
7           5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or  
8           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;  
9           6. Completed:  
10           a. One unit selected from:  
11                   (1) Foreign languages;  
12                   (2) Native American languages;  
13                   (3) American sign language;  
14                   (4) Fine arts; or  
15                   (5) Career and technical education courses; and  
16           b. Two units of a coordinated plan of study recommended by the department of  
17           career and technical education and approved by the superintendent of public  
18           instruction or an education pathway approved by the superintendent of public  
19           instruction which may be governed by rules adopted by the superintendent of  
20           public instruction;  
21           7. Completed any five additional units, two of which must be in the area of career and  
22           technical education;  
23           8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
24                   scale, or an equivalent course proficiency score if the student was enrolled  
25                   in a school district participating in an approved innovative education  
26                   program under section 15.1-06-08.2 and the school district obtained a  
27                   waiver under section 15.1-06-08.1, as determined by the superintendent of  
28                   public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was  
29                   enrolled; and  
30                   (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C", or an equivalent course proficiency score,  
31                   in each unit or one-half unit; or

- 1           b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
2                           scale, or an equivalent course proficiency score if the student was enrolled  
3                           in a school district participating in an approved innovative education  
4                           program under section 15.1-06-08.2 and the school district obtained a  
5                           waiver under section 15.1-06-08.1, as determined by the superintendent of  
6                           public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through  
7                           7; and
- 8           (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C", or an equivalent course proficiency score,  
9                           in each unit or one-half unit; and
- 10          9. Received:
- 11           a. A composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; or
- 12           b. A score of at least five on each of three WorkKeys assessments recommended  
13                           by the department of career and technical education and approved by the  
14                           superintendent of public instruction.

15          **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17          **15.1-21-02.5. North Dakota academic scholarship.**

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

- 22          1. Completed four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,  
23                           composition, and speech;
- 24          2. Completed three units of mathematics, including:
- 25           a. One unit of algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of public instruction;
- 26           b. One unit of mathematics for which algebra II, as defined by the superintendent of  
27                           public instruction, is a prerequisite; and
- 28           c. One unit of any other mathematics, which may include computer science;
- 29          3. Completed three units of science, consisting of:
- 30           a. (1) One unit of biology;
- 31           (2) One unit of chemistry; and

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- 1                   (3) One unit of physics; or
- 2           b. (1) One unit of biology;
- 3                   (2) One unit of physical science; and
- 4                   (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other science;
- 5       4. Completed three units of social studies, including:
- 6           a. One unit of United States history;
- 7           b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 8                   or
- 9                   (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 10          c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 11           civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 12           studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 13       5. a. Completed one unit of physical education; or
- 14           b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 15       6. a. Completed two units of:
- 16           (1) The same foreign language;
- 17           (2) The same native American language;
- 18           (3) American sign language; or
- 19           (4) Career and technical education from a coordinated plan of study
- 20           recommended by the department of career and technical education and
- 21           approved by the superintendent of public instruction or an education
- 22           pathway, approved by the superintendent of public instruction. The
- 23           education pathway must consist of two units in teaching profession and
- 24           educational methodology and at least one additional unit in advanced
- 25           placement or dual-credit psychology, child development, peer-to-peer
- 26           leadership, or child-related careers; and
- 27          b. One unit selected from:
- 28           (1) Foreign languages;
- 29           (2) Native American languages;
- 30           (3) American sign language;
- 31           (4) Fine arts; or

- 1                   (5) Career and technical education;
- 2       7. Completed any five additional units;
- 3       8. a. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
4                   scale, or an equivalent course proficiency score if the student was enrolled  
5                   in a school district participating in an approved innovative education  
6                   program under section 15.1-06-08.2 and the school district obtained a  
7                   waiver under section 15.1-06-08.1, as determined by the superintendent of  
8                   public instruction, based on all high school units in which the student was  
9                   enrolled; and
- 10                  (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C", or an equivalent course proficiency score,  
11                  in each unit or one-half unit; or
- 12       b. (1) Obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading  
13                  scale, or an equivalent course proficiency score if the student was enrolled  
14                  in a school district participating in an approved innovative education  
15                  program under section 15.1-06-08.2 and the school district obtained a  
16                  waiver under section 15.1-06-08.1, as determined by the superintendent of  
17                  public instruction, based only on the units required by subsections 1 through  
18                  7; and
- 19                  (2) Obtained a grade of at least "C", or an equivalent course proficiency score,  
20                  in each unit or one-half unit;
- 21       9. Received a composite score of at least twenty-four on an ACT; and
- 22       10. a. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means  
23                  of an advanced placement course and examination;
- 24                  b. Fulfilled any one unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 4 or 6 by  
25                  completion, through an early entrance program, of a nonremedial postsecondary  
26                  course offered for credit at an accredited institution of higher education which has  
27                  a physical presence in this state; or
- 28                  c. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by  
29                  means of a dual-credit course.