

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1258  
(Representatives Thoreson, Dosch, J. Kelsh, Skarphol)  
(Senators Hogue, Robinson, Wardner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.5 and subsection 7 of section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility requirements for the North Dakota academic scholarship.

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

**SECTION 1. 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 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;
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) ~~Two units of the~~The same foreign or native American 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, one of which must be in the area of fine arts or 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;
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; or
- b. Fulfilled any one-half unit requirement set forth in subsections 1 through 7 by means of a dual-credit course.

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

7. a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time" means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or enrollment in the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- b. (1) If a student requires fewer than fifteen credits to graduate, the student may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in fewer than fifteen but at least twelve credits during the semester, or the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.

- (2) Students who graduated from high school during the 2009-10 or the 2010-11 school year and who have completed six semesters may retain scholarship eligibility by enrolling in only twelve credits during each of the student's final two semesters, or the equivalent number of credits, as determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system.
- (3) The requirement that a student be enrolled in at least fifteen credits, as set forth in subdivision a, does not apply in the case of a student participating in a clinical, practicum, internship, cooperative program, or similar external experience, provided the external experience is equivalent to at least twelve units, or such similar amount as determined by the state board of higher education, with respect to students in a quarter system, and considered to be a "full time" placement for purposes of meeting graduation requirements.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1258.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State