

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-01-03 and section
2 15.1-21-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the establishment of a North Dakota
3 competency framework and to instructional time requirements.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-01-03 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. The state board of public school education shall:
- 8 a. Assist county committees in carrying out their duties.
 - 9 b. Provide county committees with clerical assistance, plans of procedure,
10 standards, data, maps, forms, and other materials, information, and services.
 - 11 c. Appoint members to the county committee, if the county superintendent does not
12 fulfill this duty, as provided for in section 15.1-10-01.
 - 13 d. Provide oversight for regional education associations as required by chapter
14 15.1-09.1.
 - 15 e. Establish and certify a North Dakota competency framework to allow students
16 who have demonstrated content mastery of units required under sections
17 15.1-21-01 and 15.1-21-02 to waive unit instructional time requirements under
18 section 15.1-21-03.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **15.1-21-03. High school unit - Instructional time.**

- 22 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, each unit must consist of at least one hundred
23 twenty hours of student engagement per school calendar.

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- 1 2. The following units must consist of at least one hundred fifty hours of student
2 engagement per school calendar: natural sciences, agriculture, business and office
3 technology, marketing, diversified occupations, trade and industrial education,
4 technology education, and health careers.
- 5 3. The hour requirements of this section are subject to reductions resulting from the
6 holidays and nonstudent contact days provided for in section 15.1-06-04.
- 7 4. This section does not apply to schools or school districts having block schedules
8 approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 9 5. This section does not apply to units aligned to the North Dakota competency
10 framework under section 15.1-01-03.