

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2304  
(Senators Heckaman, Marcellais)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01, subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02, and subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring all elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in the state to include curriculum on Native American history; and to provide an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 15.1-21-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3. Social studies, including:
  - a. The United States Constitution;
  - b. United States history;
  - c. Geography;
  - d. Government; and
  - e. North Dakota studies, with an emphasis on the geography, history, the federally recognized Indian tribes in the state, and agriculture of this state, in the fourth and eighth grades.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. In order to be approved by the superintendent of public instruction, each public and nonpublic high school shall provide instruction in or make available to each student:
  - a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
  - b. Four units of mathematics, including:
    - (1) One unit of algebra II; and
    - (2) One unit for which algebra II is a prerequisite;
  - c. Four units of science, including:
    - (1) One unit of physical science; and
    - (2) One unit of biology;
  - d. Four units of social studies, including:
    - (1) One unit of world history;
    - (2) One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history; and
    - (3) (a) One unit of problems of democracy; or

- (b) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- e. One-half unit of health;
- f. One-half unit of physical education during each school year, provided that once every four years the unit must be a concept-based fitness class that includes instruction in the assessment, improvement, and maintenance of personal fitness;
- g. Two units of fine arts, at least one of which must be music;
- h. Two units of the same foreign or native American language;
- i. One unit of an advanced placement course or one unit of a dual-credit course; and
- j. Two units of 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.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 4. Three units of social studies, including:
  - a. One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal 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;

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 3 of this Act becomes effective on August 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2304.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 0            Absent 3

House Vote:    Yeas 76            Nays 16           Absent 2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,

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Secretary of State