

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1131  
(Representatives Pyle, Jonas, Schreiber-Beck, Swiontek)  
(Senators Davison, Rust)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to optional high school curriculum.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. If after completing at least two years of high school, a student has failed to pass at least one-half unit from three subdivisions in subsection 1 of section 15.1-21-02.2, has failed to demonstrate proficiency in a standards-based grading system, or has a grade point average at or below the twenty-fifth percentile of other students in the district who are enrolled in the same grade, the student may request the student's career advisor, guidance counselor, or principal meet with the student and the student's parent to determine whether the student should be permitted to pursue an optional high school curriculum, in place of the requirements set forth in section 15.1-21-02.2. If a student's parent consents in writing to the student pursuing the optional high school curriculum, the student is eligible to receive a high school diploma upon completing the following requirements:
  - a. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature, composition, and speech;
  - b. Two units of mathematics;
  - c. Two units of science;
  - d. Three units of social studies, which may include up to one-half unit of North Dakota studies and one-half unit of multicultural studies;
  - e. (1) One unit of physical education; or  
(2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
  - f. Two units of:
    - (1) Foreign languages;
    - (2) Native American languages;
    - (3) Fine arts; or
    - (4) Career and technical education courses; and
  - g. Any seven additional units.

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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-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1131.

House Vote:      Yeas 91              Nays 0              Absent 3

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47              Nays 0              Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State