

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1200**

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Bolinske, Fisher, Heinert, Hoverson, D. Ruby, M. Ruby, VanWinkle,  
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Senators Burckhard, Castaneda, Lemm

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to the waiver and substitution of one unit required for high school graduation  
3 under emergent circumstances.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 ~~15.1-21-02.2. High school graduation -- Minimum requirements. (Effective through~~  
8 ~~July 31, 2025)~~

9 1. ~~Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3 and subsection 2, the following twenty-two~~  
10 ~~units of high school coursework constitute the minimum requirement for high school~~  
11 ~~graduation:~~

12 a. ~~Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,~~  
13 ~~composition, and speech;~~

14 b. ~~Three units of mathematics, which may include one unit of computer science~~  
15 ~~approved by the superintendent of public instruction;~~

16 e. ~~Three units of science, consisting of:~~

17 (1) (a) ~~One unit of biology;~~

18 (b) ~~One unit of chemistry; and~~

19 (c) ~~One unit of physics; or~~

20 (2) (a) ~~One unit of biology;~~

21 (b) ~~One unit of physical science; and~~



- 1           c. Three units of science, consisting of:
- 2           (1) (a) One unit of biology;
- 3                 (b) One unit of chemistry; and
- 4                 (c) One unit of physics; or
- 5           (2) (a) One unit of biology;
- 6                 (b) One unit of physical science; and
- 7                 (c) One unit or two one-half units of any other science which may include
- 8                         one unit of computer science or cybersecurity approved by the
- 9                         superintendent of public instruction;
- 10          d. Three units of social studies, including:
- 11          (1) One unit of United States history, including Native American tribal history;
- 12          (2) (a) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of
- 13                         economics; or
- 14                         (b) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 15          (3) One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 16                         civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 17                         studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 18          e. (1) One unit of physical education; or
- 19                 (2) One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 20          f. Three units of:
- 21                 (1) Foreign languages;
- 22                 (2) Native American languages;
- 23                 (3) Fine arts; or
- 24                 (4) Career and technical education courses;
- 25          g. Any five additional units; and
- 26          h. One unit of computer science or cybersecurity whether under subdivision b, c, or
- 27                 both.
- 28          i. The requirements of subdivision h are waived if the student has completed a
- 29                 computer science and cybersecurity integration plan approved by the school
- 30                 board.

- 1           2. If approved by the board of a school district or nonpublic school, a school district or  
2           nonpublic school may develop:
- 3           a. Develop eligibility criteria or programmatic requirements to allow a passing score  
4           on the relevant portions of the GED assessment to receive credit for the  
5           corresponding requirements of subdivisions a through d of subsection 1.
- 6           b. Establish a policy to allow a student to receive credit for no more than one unit  
7           under subsection 1 for completing an alternative course, including an elective  
8           course and dual-credit course, if the student demonstrates an emergent  
9           circumstance.