

HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

Introduced by

Representatives Guggisberg, P. Anderson, Eidson, Holman, M. Nelson, Schneider

Senators Hogan, Oban, Piepkorn, Robinson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to removing limits on the scholarship awards provided to eligible students under
3 the North Dakota academic scholarship program and the North Dakota career and technical
4 education scholarship program.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **15.1-21-02.6. North Dakota scholarship - Amount - Applicability.**

- 9 1. a. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
10 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
11 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
12 scholarship ~~in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars~~ for each semester during
13 which the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher
14 education in this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and
15 maintains progress toward degree completion.
- 16 b. The state board of higher education shall provide to any student certified as
17 being eligible by the superintendent of public instruction either a North Dakota
18 academic scholarship or a North Dakota career and technical education
19 scholarship ~~in the amount of five hundred dollars~~ for each quarter during which
20 the student is enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education in
21 this state, maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.75, and maintains
22 progress toward degree completion.

1 c. The amount provided to a student under subdivision a or b may not exceed the
2 amount of tuition and fees the institution of higher education would charge the
3 student for the semester or quarter if the student did not receive the scholarship.

4 2. The state board shall monitor each scholarship recipient to ensure that the student
5 meets the academic and other requirements of this section. Upon determining that a
6 recipient student has failed to meet the requirements of this section, the board shall
7 provide notification to the student within ten days.

8 3. ~~A student is not entitled to receive more than six thousand dollars under this section.~~

9 4. The state board of higher education shall forward the scholarship directly to the
10 institution in which the student is enrolled.

11 ~~5.4.~~ a. (1) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
12 semesters.

13 (2) This section does not require a student to be enrolled in consecutive
14 quarters.

15 b. A scholarship under this section is valid only for six academic years after the
16 student's graduation from high school and may be applied to a graduate program.

17 ~~6.5.~~ A scholarship under this section is available to any eligible resident student who fulfills
18 the requirements of section 15.1-21-02.4 or 15.1-21-02.5 and who:

- 19 a. Graduates from a high school in this state;
- 20 b. Graduates from a high school in a bordering state under chapter 15.1-29;
- 21 c. Graduates from a nonpublic high school in a bordering state while residing with a
22 custodial parent in this state; or
- 23 d. Completes a program of home education supervised in accordance with chapter
24 15.1-23.

25 ~~7.6.~~ a. For purposes of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section, "full-time"
26 has the same meaning as the term is defined by the institution the student is
27 attending.

28 b. For the purpose of North Dakota scholarship eligibility under this section,
29 "progress toward degree completion" means earning the following minimum
30 number of credits after each semester or quarter term disbursement to qualify for
31 the subsequent disbursement:

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- 1 (1) Twenty-four credits after disbursement two;
- 2 (2) Thirty-nine credits after disbursement three;
- 3 (3) Fifty-four credits after disbursement four;
- 4 (4) Sixty-nine credits after disbursement five;
- 5 (5) Eighty-four credits after disbursement six; and
- 6 (6) Ninety-nine credits after disbursement seven.