

SENATE BILL NO. 2317

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the approval of theological studies instructors; and to amend and
3 reenact section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to theological studies
4 courses.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Approval of theological studies instructors.**

9 The board shall approve an individual to be an instructor of theological studies if the
10 individual:

- 11 1. Holds a baccalaureate degree; and
- 12 2. Is recommended for approval as an instructor of theological studies by the governing
13 board of a nonpublic school offering a theological studies course.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-21-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **15.1-21-02.1. High school graduation - Diploma requirements.**

17 Except as provided in section 15.1-21-02.3, before a school district, a nonpublic high
18 school, or the center for distance education issues a high school diploma to a student, the
19 student must have successfully completed the following twenty-two units of high school
20 coursework:

- 21 1. Four units of English language arts from a sequence that includes literature,
22 composition, and speech;
- 23 2. Three units of mathematics;
- 24 3. Three units of science, including:

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- 1 a. One unit of physical science;
- 2 b. One unit of biology; and
- 3 c. (1) One unit of any other science; or
- 4 (2) Two one-half units of any other science;
- 5 4. Three units of social studies, including:
- 6 a. One unit of United States history;
- 7 b. (1) One-half unit of United States government and one-half unit of economics;
- 8 or
- 9 (2) One unit of problems of democracy; and
- 10 c. One unit or two one-half units of any other social studies, which may include
- 11 civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, North Dakota
- 12 studies, psychology, sociology, and world history;
- 13 5. a. One unit of physical education; or
- 14 b. One-half unit of physical education and one-half unit of health;
- 15 6. Three units of:
- 16 a. Foreign languages;
- 17 b. Native American languages;
- 18 c. Fine arts; or
- 19 d. Career and technical education courses; and
- 20 7. Any five additional units, two of which may be theological studies if taught in a
- 21 nonpublic school by an approved theological studies instructor.