

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 151

Introduced by: Senator Bolin and Representative Jensen (Kevin)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the course requirements for the opportunity
2 scholarship.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 13-55-31.1 be amended to read:

5 13-55-31.1. ~~To be eligible for an opportunity scholarship, a student who entered the ninth~~
6 ~~grade prior to the 2010-2011 school year shall complete the following high school course~~
7 ~~requirements:~~

8 ~~— (1) — Four or more units of language arts that include a minimum of the following:~~

9 ~~— (a) — One and one-half units of writing;~~

10 ~~— (b) — One and one-half units of literature that must include one-half unit of~~
11 ~~American Literature;~~

12 ~~— (c) — One-half unit of speech or debate; and~~

13 ~~— (d) — One-half unit of a language arts elective;~~

14 ~~— (2) — Three or more units of social studies that include the following:~~

15 ~~— (a) — One unit of U.S. History;~~



- 1 ~~———— (b) — One-half unit of U.S. government;~~
- 2 ~~———— (c) — One-half unit of geography;~~
- 3 ~~———— (d) — One-half unit of world history; and~~
- 4 ~~———— (e) — One-half unit of a social studies elective;~~
- 5 ~~— (3) — Four units of mathematics that must include the following:~~
- 6 ~~———— (a) — One unit of algebra I;~~
- 7 ~~———— (b) — One unit of geometry;~~
- 8 ~~———— (c) — One unit of algebra II; and~~
- 9 ~~———— (d) — One unit of advanced math;~~
- 10 ~~— (4) — Four units of science, including at least three units in laboratory science, that must~~
- 11 ~~include the following:~~
- 12 ~~———— (a) — One unit of biology;~~
- 13 ~~———— (b) — One unit of any physical science;~~
- 14 ~~———— (c) — One unit of chemistry or physics; and~~
- 15 ~~———— (d) — One unit of science electives;~~
- 16 ~~— (5) — Two units of world languages (two years of the same language);~~
- 17 ~~— (6) — One-half unit of computer studies;~~
- 18 ~~— (7) — One unit of fine arts;~~
- 19 ~~— (8) — One-half unit of personal finance or economics; and~~
- 20 ~~— (9) — One-half unit of physical education or health.~~
- 21 ~~— A student may earn academic core content credit by completing an approved career and~~
- 22 ~~technical education course. Approval to offer credit for a career and technical education course~~
- 23 ~~must be obtained through an application process with the Department of Education. The~~
- 24 ~~Department of Education shall meet with the Board of Regents to determine final course~~

1 approval. The application must include:

2 ~~—(1)— Course syllabus;~~

3 ~~—(2)— Standards-based curriculum;~~

4 ~~—(3)— Teacher certification; and~~

5 ~~—(4)— Assessment of standards by methods including end-of-course exams, authentic~~
6 ~~assessment, project-based learning or rubrics.~~

7 ~~—To be eligible for an opportunity scholarship, a student who enters the ninth grade in the~~
8 ~~2010-2011 school year or thereafter shall complete the following high school course~~
9 ~~requirements:~~

10 (1) Four or more units of language arts that include a minimum of the following:

11 (a) One and one-half units of writing;

12 (b) One and one-half units of literature that must include one-half unit of
13 American literature;

14 (c) One-half unit of speech or debate; and

15 (d) One-half unit of a language arts elective;

16 (2) Three units or more of social studies that include the following:

17 (a) One unit of U.S. history;

18 (b) One-half unit of U.S. government;

19 (c) One-half unit of geography;

20 (d) One-half unit of world history; and

21 (e) One-half unit of a social studies elective;

22 (3) Four units of mathematics that must include the following:

23 (a) One unit of algebra I;

24 (b) One unit of geometry;

- 1 (c) One unit of algebra II; and
- 2 (d) One unit of advanced math;
- 3 (4) Four units of science, including at least three units in laboratory science, that must
- 4 include the following:
- 5 (a) One unit of biology;
- 6 (b) One unit of any physical science;
- 7 (c) One unit of chemistry or physics; and
- 8 (d) One unit of science electives;
- 9 (5) Two units of either of the following or a combination of the two:
- 10 (a) Approved career and technical education courses; and
- 11 (b) World languages;
- 12 ~~Approval for a career and technical education course must be obtained through~~
- 13 ~~an application process with the Department of Education. The department~~
- 14 ~~shall meet with the Board of Regents to determine final course approval; and~~
- 15 (6) ~~One-half unit of personal finance or economics;~~
- 16 ~~(7) One unit of fine arts;~~
- 17 ~~(8) One-half unit of physical education; and~~
- 18 ~~(9) For students entering the ninth grade in the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter,~~
- 19 ~~one-half unit of health or health integration.~~

20 A student may be granted up to one unit of credit in fine arts for participation in
21 extracurricular activities. A maximum of one-fourth unit of credit may be granted for each
22 extracurricular activity in which a student participates during each school year. In order to grant
23 credit for an extracurricular activity, a school district must document the alignment of the
24 activity with fine arts content standards approved by the South Dakota Board of Education

1 Standards.

2 ~~—Students entering the ninth grade in the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter are required~~
3 ~~to take one-half unit of health at anytime during grades six through twelve. A school district~~
4 ~~may choose to integrate health across the curriculum at the middle or high school level in lieu~~
5 ~~of a stand-alone course.~~

6 A student may earn academic core content credit by completing an approved career and
7 technical education course. Approval to offer credit for a career and technical education course
8 must be obtained through an application process with the Department of Education. The
9 Department of Education shall meet with the Board of Regents to determine final course
10 approval. The application must include:

- 11 (1) Course syllabus;
- 12 (2) Standards-based curriculum;
- 13 (3) Teacher certification; and
- 14 (4) Assessment of standards by methods including end-of-course exams, authentic
15 assessment, project-based learning or rubrics.