

	Council of State Governments (CSG)	National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)	Uniform Laws Commission (ULC)	Education Commission of the States (ECS)	Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC)	International Legislator's Forum	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)	American Legislative Exchanged Council (ALEC)
Membership Dues:								
2011	\$86,001	\$118,434	\$26,400	\$17,700	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$125,000	
2012	\$89,441	\$118,689	\$27,100	\$17,700	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$125,000	
2013	\$90,249	\$118,689	\$27,900	\$17,700	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$125,000	\$400
2014	\$90,384	\$118,877	\$29,200	\$17,700	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$131,000	\$400
2015	\$90,510	\$118,877	\$30,600	\$17,700	\$95,000	\$10,000	\$137,000	\$350
2016	\$90,667	\$121,462	\$31,500	\$17,700	\$115,000	\$10,000	\$141,000	
Return on Investment:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	According to MHEC, entities & citizens in SD saved \$334,715 in FY14. Savings realized in Computer Hardware Program (\$107,479), Computing Software Program (\$58,993), and Property Insurance Program (\$168,233).	\$0	According to WICHE, in 2014/15 SD, its institutions and students saved or brought in over \$3.98M through WICHE and spent \$137,000 for membership in the Commission - a 29-fold ROI.	\$0
Membership Dues paid by:	LRC (dues covers the membership of all state agencies)	LRC	LRC	1/3 LRC, 1/3 Board of Regents, 1/3 Dept. of Education	LRC	LRC	Board of Regents	LRC - if requested by a legislator to be paid by LRC and approved by Executive Board
Members:	You are automatically a member of The Council of State Governments (and able to take advantage of member services) if you are: An elected or appointed state govt official or a staff member in the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of state govt.	All legislators are members	South Dakota Commissioners: Michael DeMerseeman, Marc Feinstein, Thomas Geu, Brian Gosch, Richard Gregerson, Gene Lebrun, and David Lust	Each of the 53 member states is represented by seven Commissioners. The two Legislative Committee Chairs are Sen. Soholt and Rep. Sly.	60-member Commission. Two commissioners (one Senator and one Representative) are appointed by each state's legislature and there are also two commissioner alternates. South Dakota's appointees: Rep. Bartling, Rep. Dryden, Sen. Tidemann & Vacant alternate.	SD delegates of the 2015 Forum: Rep. Duvall, Sen. Haverly, Rep. McCleerey, Sen. Parsley, Sen. Peterson, Rep. Solum, Sen. Tidemann, Sen. Vehle, and Rep. Wiik.	3 gubernatorally-appointed Commissioners from each state. South Dakota Commissioners: Robert Burns, James Hansen, Dr. Jack Warner. Legislative Advisory Committee: Sen. Rampelberg and Rep. Dryden	Legislators may submit an application to ALEC and remit the \$200 membership dues for a 2-year term.
Purpose of Organization:	Founded in 1933, The Council of State Governments is the nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is a region-based forum that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. This offers unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities to network, develop leaders, collaborate and create problem-solving partnerships.	NCSL is committed to the success of all legislators and staff. Their mission is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures. Promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures. Ensure state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.	The Uniform Law Commission (ULC, also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws), established in 1892, provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law. ULC members must be lawyers, qualified to practice law. They are practicing lawyers, judges, legislators and legislative staff and law professors, who have been appointed by state governments as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to research, draft and promote enactment of uniform state laws in areas of state law where uniformity is desirable and practical.	ECS Commissioners: Guide ECS' work by identifying key education concerns and information needs, discuss and vote on important policy matters, play an active role at ECS meetings, provide feedback on the usefulness of ECS Initiatives, website & publications, work with ECS staff to identify state policy priorities and implement in-state projects, and share resources with peers and colleagues.	The purpose of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact is to provide greater higher education opportunities and services in the Midwestern region, with the aim of furthering regional access to, research in and choice of higher education for the citizens residing in the several states which are parties to the compact.	The International Legislators Forum (ILF) is an annual meeting of legislators from Manitoba, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota. It provides an opportunity for delegates to share information, understand problems, build relationships, and develop collaborative agreements on a wide variety of issues relevant to the participating jurisdictions.	The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is a regional organization created by the Western Regional Education Compact and adopted in the 1950s by Western states. WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the West. It implements a number of activities to accomplish its objectives.	The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It provides a constructive forum for state legislators and private sector leaders to discuss and exchange practical, state-level public policy issues. The potential solutions discussed at ALEC focus on free markets, limited government and constitutional division of powers between the federal and state governments. The organization respects diversity of thought; it is a non-partisan resource for its members, which include more than 2,000 Republican and Democratic state legislators.