



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1196

Introduced by: **Representative Healy**

1 **An Act to provide free tuition and fees to visually impaired residents for courses not**  
 2 **subsidized by the state general fund.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 13-55-11 be AMENDED.

5 **13-55-11. Visually impaired residents--Tuition and fee exemption--Credit**  
 6 **hours to which entitled--Qualifying degree of impairment.**

7 Any ~~visually impaired~~ resident of this state with a visual impairment who possesses  
 8 the entrance requirements for admission to any educational institution ~~of the state~~ under  
 9 supervision of the ~~State~~ Board of Regents shall be permitted to enter and pursue any  
 10 course or course of study offered by such institution, including distance education courses  
 11 not subsidized by the state general fund, without payment of tuition, library fees,  
 12 registration fees, or any other fees that other students are required to pay directly to such  
 13 institution until ~~he or she~~ the resident with a visual impairment has received two hundred  
 14 twenty-five semester hours of credit or its equivalent. Any person shall be deemed to be  
 15 ~~visually impaired~~ a person with a visual impairment within the meaning of this section who  
 16 cannot, with use of correcting glasses, see sufficient to perform ordinary activities for  
 17 which eyesight is essential.