



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1255

Introduced by: **Representative** Karr

1 **An Act to create the South Dakota forever trust fund, to provide for the transfer of**
 2 **certain unobligated cash balances, to transfer moneys thereto, and to declare**
 3 **an emergency.**

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

5 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

6 **4-5-61. Trust fund for South Dakota established.**

7 There is hereby established within the state treasury a trust fund named the South
 8 Dakota forever trust fund. The principal of the trust fund may not be invaded, unless
 9 approved by a three-fourths vote of all the members-elect of each house of the
 10 Legislature.

11 Beginning in fiscal year 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the market value
 12 shall be determined by adding the market value of the trust fund at the end of the sixteen
 13 most recent calendar quarters as of December thirty-first, and dividing the sum by sixteen.
 14 Upon notice of that amount by the state investment officer, the state treasurer shall
 15 transfer the amount from the South Dakota forever trust fund to the state general fund
 16 as soon as practicable after July first of the next fiscal year. The distribution shall be
 17 appropriated for the improvement of South Dakota.

18 **Section 2.** The state treasurer shall transfer the sum of \$200,000,000 from the general fund
 19 to the South Dakota forever trust fund, created in section 1 of this Act.

20 **Section 3.** That § 4-7-31 be AMENDED.

21 **4-7-31. Budget reserve fund established--Legislative action required for**
 22 **reserve fund expenditures.**

23 There is hereby established within the state treasury the budget reserve fund.
 24 Expenditures out of the budget reserve fund shall only be by special appropriation of the

1 Legislature and shall only redress such unforeseen expenditure obligations or such
 2 unforeseen revenue shortfalls as may constitute an emergency pursuant to S.D. Const.,
 3 Art. III, § 1.

4 **Section 4.** That § 4-7-32 be AMENDED.

5 **4-7-32. Transfer of fiscal year unobligated cash.**

6 The transfer of all prior year unobligated cash shall take place in accordance with
 7 this section as follows:

8 (1) On July first of each fiscal year or at such time that as the prior fiscal year general
 9 fund ending unobligated cash balance is determined, the commissioner of the
 10 Bureau of Finance and Management shall transfer all prior year unobligated cash
 11 up to an amount equal to equaling ten percent of the general fund appropriations
 12 from the general appropriation act for the prior fiscal year into the budget reserve
 13 fund. In no event shall the The cash balance in the budget reserve fund be greater
 14 than may not exceed ten percent of the general fund appropriations from the
 15 general appropriation act for the prior fiscal year.

16 (2) If any unobligated cash balance remains after the requirements of subdivision (1)
 17 are met, the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management shall transfer
 18 half the remaining balance to the South Dakota forever trust fund under § 4-5-61.

19 (3) If any unobligated cash balance remains after the requirements of subdivision (2)
 20 are met, the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management shall transfer
 21 the remaining amount into the general revenue replacement fund

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 24 ~~unforeseen revenue shortfalls as may constitute an emergency pursuant to S.D. Const.,~~
 25 ~~Art. III, § 1.~~

26 **Section 5.** That § 4-7-39 be REPEALED.

27 **4-7-39. Transfer of unobligated cash to general revenue replacement fund.**

28 **Section 6.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
 29 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
 30 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.