



2021 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1196**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

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

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

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

**13-55-11. Residents with visual impairment--Tuition and fee exemption--  
Credit hours to which entitled--Qualifying degree of impairment.**

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

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in  
the:  
House as Bill No. 1196

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2021 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2021

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State