

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE – Senate Education

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 42** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations with a Do Pass recommendation.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 43** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations with a Do Pass recommendation.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 44** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations with a Do Pass recommendation.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 59** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations with a Do Pass recommendation.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 61** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Appropriations with a Do Pass recommendation.

Also MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Senate Education respectfully reports that it has had under consideration **SB 71** and returns the same with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

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On page 1, line 1, of the Introduced bill, delete " the tax credit limit for" and insert " certain provisions related to"

On page 1, after line 2, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

Section 1. That § 13-65-1 be AMENDED:

13-65-1. Terms, as used in this chapter, mean:

- (1) "Division," the Division of Insurance in the Department of Labor and Regulation;
- (2) "Educational scholarship," a grant to an eligible student to cover all or part of the tuition and fees at a qualifying school. The average value of all scholarships awarded by a scholarship granting organization may not exceed eighty-two and five-tenths percent of the state's share of the per student equivalent, as defined in § 13-13-10.1;
- (3) "Eligible student," any student entering kindergarten through twelfth grade who resides in South Dakota while receiving the educational scholarship and:
 - (a) Is a member of a household whose total annual income, the year before the student enters the program, did not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch under the national free or reduced-price lunch program. If sufficient funding is available, once a student meets the initial income eligibility requirement, the student remains income eligible for three

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years or if the student is entering high school, until the student graduates high school regardless of household income. After the initial period of income eligibility, a student remains eligible if the student is a member of a household whose total annual income in the prior year did not exceed two hundred percent of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch; ~~and or~~

- (b) ~~Resides in South Dakota while receiving the educational scholarship~~ Is in foster care;
- (4) "Low-income eligible student," any student who is a member of a household whose total annual income, the year before the student enters the program, did not exceed one hundred percent of the income standard used to qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch under the national free or reduced-price lunch program;
- (5) "Parent," any guardian, custodian, or other person with authority to act in place of a parent for the child;
- (6) "Program," the partners in education tax credit program established pursuant to this chapter;
- (7) "Qualifying school," any nonpublic school that operates within the boundaries of South Dakota or any tribally controlled school on a federally recognized Indian reservation that operates within the boundaries of South Dakota, is accredited by the Department of Education, provides education to elementary or secondary students, and has notified a scholarship granting organization of its intention to participate in the program and comply with the program requirements. This term excludes any school that receives a majority of its revenues from public funds;
- (8) "Scholarship granting organization," a nonprofit organization that complies with the requirements of the program and provides educational scholarships to students."

And that as so amended, said bill do pass.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ R. BLAKE CURD
R. Blake Curd, Chair