



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 68

Introduced by: **Senator Schoenbeck**

1 **An Act to modify the approval process for certain out-of-state travel and related**  
 2 **costs by a legislative member.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 2-9-4 be AMENDED:**

5 **2-9-4.** The executive board shall:

- 6 (1) Instigate research and collect information concerning the government and general  
 7 welfare of the state;
- 8 (2) Investigate and make recommendations concerning important issues of public  
 9 policy and questions of statewide interest;
- 10 (3) Prepare a legislative program in the form of bills, or otherwise, as in its opinion the  
 11 welfare of the state may require, to be presented to the Legislature;
- 12 (4) Cooperate with the administration in devising means of enforcing the law;
- 13 (5) Study, inquire, make recommendations and propose bills in any phase or branch  
 14 of state government so deemed advisable and necessary;
- 15 (6) Appoint and name committees from the members of the State Legislative Research  
 16 Council, and assign to such committee or committees appropriate subjects and  
 17 projects of whatever character and nature the executive board deems advisable.  
 18 Each member of the council is entitled to membership on one study committee of  
 19 the member's choice insofar as practicable;
- 20 (7) Conduct legislative oversight and management analysis of the executive branch of  
 21 government by means of a selective program of performance auditing and  
 22 cooperate with the administration in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of  
 23 administrative methods;
- 24 (8) Review and make recommendations for further legislative action regarding the  
 25 opinions of state and federal courts which have sought to interpret the intent of  
 26 South Dakota legislative acts; and

1           (9)     Allocate funds to the House of Representatives and the Senate to pay for out-of-  
2           state travel and salary or per diem costs incurred by members, and to pay for in-  
3           state travel and salary or per diem costs incurred by members, excluding costs  
4           associated with any legislative session. The executive board shall decide whether  
5           to approve out-of-state travel and costs incurred by a member during the second  
6           year of the member's legislative term, if the member is not eligible for reelection  
7           to the next legislative term. For all other travel, the Legislative Research Council  
8           shall make payments to representatives for costs and travel approved by the  
9           speaker of the House of Representatives, from the funds allocated to the House of  
10          Representatives, and shall make payments to senators for costs and travel  
11          approved by the president pro tempore of the Senate, from the funds allocated to  
12          the Senate. Any payment decision of the speaker of the House of Representatives  
13          may be appealed to the members of the executive board from the House of  
14          Representatives. Any payment decision of the president pro tempore of the Senate  
15          may be appealed to the members of the executive board from the Senate. No funds  
16          may be paid beyond the amounts allocated to each body.