

2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1070**AMENDMENT 1070A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to create the Center for American Exceptionalism at Black Hills State**
2 **University, make an appropriation therefor, and declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 13-59 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 The Board of Regents shall establish the Center for American Exceptionalism at
6 Black Hills State University. The center shall make the state's public universities
7 contributing, meaningful, and relevant partners in civics and social studies education by:

8 (1) Working ~~to develop in conjunction with classroom teachers who, by training and~~
9 ~~experience, are familiar with civics and social studies curricular development, to~~
10 ~~create, distribute, and annually update a K-12kindergarten through grade twelve~~
11 ~~curriculum that:~~

12 (a) Is available to all public ~~schools in school districts;~~

13 (b) Pertains to American history and exceptionalism, ~~explaining;~~

14 (c) Explains why America rose to greatness and how to keep it that way, ~~and~~
15 ~~teaching; and~~

16 (d) Teaches students to balance critical thinking with love of country. ~~The~~
17 ~~curriculum shall include; and~~

18 (e) Includes a South Dakota history and American Indian tribes component
19 ~~focusing that focuses~~ on the proud history of the indigenous peoples of
20 ~~South Dakota~~this state;

21 (2) Providing multi-media content, speaking directly to state social studies standards;
22 and

23 (3) ~~Working with K-12 teachers, including providing~~ Developing and offering to
24 ~~elementary and high school teachers~~ professional development ~~workshops~~
25 ~~opportunities,~~ to help students:

- 1 (a) Understand American history, government institutions,
 2 constitutional rights, and cultural contexts in ~~South Dakota~~this state
 3 and beyond;
- 4 (b) Develop personal agency and confidence to participate in the civic
 5 life of the state and nation through voting, volunteerism, informed
 6 discourse, and lifelong involvement; and
- 7 (c) Appreciate civil discourse, free speech, and engagement with people
 8 of all perspectives;
- 9 (4) ~~Oversee the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Program, as~~
 10 ~~developed by the Center for Civic Education, and its promotion and implementation~~
 11 ~~throughout public schools~~ Promote existing programs and develop and implement
 12 new programs to help students, throughout this state, become actively engaged
 13 citizens; and
- 14 (5) Develop, implement, and annually update a curriculum, ~~that is~~ available to be
 15 taught in two courses, at the state's public colleges and universities, ~~and which~~
 16 consists of:
- 17 (a) A course comparing communist/ ~~and~~ socialist countries to Western-style
 18 democratic countries throughout history; and
- 19 (b) A course comparing command-style socialist economies to free-market
 20 capitalist economies throughout history.

21 **Section 2. That chapter 13-59 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

22 ~~A nonprofit board of directors~~ An advisory board, appointed by the president of
 23 Black Hills State University, shall ~~govern~~ provide recommendations and direction to the
 24 Center for American Exceptionalism and may seek all available sources of funding.

25 On or before February first of each year, and at other times as it may deem in the
 26 public interest, the Center for American Exceptionalism shall report, to legislative
 27 committees ~~with having~~ jurisdiction over education, with respect to its operations in the
 28 previous fiscal year.

29 **Section 3.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$150,000 to the
 30 Board of Regents for the purpose of establishing the Center for American Exceptionalism
 31 ~~established, as set forth~~ in this Act.

32 **Section 4.** The executive director of the Board of Regents shall approve vouchers and the
 33 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

1 **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
2 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

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

AMENDED