

2023 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Concurrent Resolution  
6001**

**AMENDMENT HCR6001A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To recommend the Executive Board establish a task**  
2 **force to study a potential optional educational path.**

3 WHEREAS, the purpose of education in South Dakota is to provide a learning experience  
4 that leads students to become productive and positive contributors to society; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota recognizes two certificates for high school completion: a diploma  
6 for fulfilling high school graduation requirements and a Graduate Equivalent Diploma (GED)  
7 for satisfactory completion of a high school equivalency exam; and

8 WHEREAS, it is compulsory in South Dakota for those 18 years or younger to attend an  
9 accredited public or nonpublic school or be provided alternative education; and

10 WHEREAS, as evidenced by South Dakota's graduation rate, some students need a  
11 different path to success than the traditional classroom; and

12 WHEREAS, a factor in truancy and classroom disruption is disengagement with learning;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, South Dakota is experiencing a historic low unemployment rate with worker  
15 shortages in many sectors; and

16 WHEREAS, many jobs require certificates, licenses, and prior experience in order to work  
17 in the field; and

18 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Labor reports a 94% retention rate for  
19 individuals enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs available to those 16 to 18 years  
20 of age; and

1        WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Education reports success with career and  
2 technical education as a means to broaden the application of traditional K-12 learning; and

3        WHEREAS, many trade associations are willing partners in programs to expand their  
4 employment base:

5        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-  
6 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
7 Executive Board of the Legislature ~~shall~~ **should** establish a multi-disciplinary task force to  
8 explore new alternatives to keep individuals 16 years or older engaged in learning  
9 opportunities that lead to high school completion. The **Legislature recommends that any** task  
10 force ~~shall~~ **established by the Executive Board** report ~~their~~ **its** findings and recommendations  
11 to the standing education committees of the Senate and the House by February 1, 2024.