



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 118

HOUSE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Tobin**

1 **An Act to expand eligibility for certain teachers who receive reduced tuition at Board**  
 2 **of Regents institutions.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 13-55-24 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-55-24.** Any ~~elementary or secondary~~A teacher or vocational instructor who is  
 6 required to take college courses as a condition of employment, or to maintain a certificate  
 7 to teach, may, upon compliance with § 13-55-27 and all of the requirements for  
 8 admission, attend and pursue any undergraduate or graduate course in any ~~state~~  
 9 ~~educational~~ institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents upon  
 10 the payment of fifty percent of tuition and one hundred percent of required fees. If the  
 11 teacher enrolls in a distance education course under the control and management of the  
 12 Board of Regents or other course under the control and management of the Board of  
 13 Regents that is not subsidized by the general fund, the teacher is entitled to a benefit of  
 14 fifty percent of the tuition to be paid to the institution by the Board of Regents based on  
 15 the in-state resident tuition rate. The Board of Regents shall maintain an annual record of  
 16 the number of participants and the tuition dollar value of such participation.

17 **Section 2. That § 13-55-25 be AMENDED:**

18 **13-55-25.** Any ~~elementary or secondary~~A teacher or vocational instructor is  
 19 eligible for the reduced tuition amount provided for in § 13-55-26 for a maximum of six  
 20 credit hours per year.

21 **Section 3. That § 13-55-26 be AMENDED:**

22 **13-55-26.** The right of any ~~elementary or secondary~~ teacher or vocational  
 23 instructor to participate in the reduced tuition program is limited to the space available,

1 as determined by the course instructor, in any course, after all of the full-time or full  
2 tuition paying students have registered.

3 **Section 4. That § 13-55-27 be AMENDED:**

4 **13-55-27.** To be eligible for the reduced tuition benefit, ~~any elementary or~~  
5 ~~secondary~~ a teacher or vocational instructor ~~shall~~ must:

- 6 (1) Be a bona fide resident of the state and employed as a teacher by an accredited a:  
7 (a) School district;  
8 (b) Accredited school as a teacher as that term is defined in this title; or  
9 (c) Head start program;  
10 (2) Maintain an average academic grade of 3.0 or better;  
11 (3) Be required by state law, administrative rules, or an employment contract to attend  
12 college as a condition of employment or to maintain a certificate to teach; and  
13 (4) Present certification to the Board of Regents from the ~~school district by which the~~  
14 ~~teacher is employed~~ teacher's employer that the teacher meets the requirements  
15 of this section.

16 **Section 5. That § 13-55-28 be AMENDED:**

17 **13-55-28.** No benefits may accrue under §§ 13-55-24 to 13-55-27, inclusive, if  
18 ~~an elementary or secondary~~ a teacher or vocational instructor is entitled to other reduced  
19 tuition benefits by law.