



2023 South Dakota Legislature  
**Senate Bill 118**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**13-55-26.** The right of any teacher or vocational instructor to participate in the reduced tuition program is limited to the space available, as determined by the course instructor, in any course, after all of the full-time or full tuition paying students have registered.

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

**13-55-27.** To be eligible for the reduced tuition benefit, a teacher or vocational instructor must:

- (1) Be a bona fide resident of the state and employed as a teacher by a:
  - (a) School district;
  - (b) Accredited school; or
  - (c) Head start program;
- (2) Maintain an average academic grade of 3.0 or better;
- (3) Be required by state law, administrative rules, or an employment contract to attend college as a condition of employment or to maintain a certificate to teach; and
- (4) Present certification to the Board of Regents from the teacher's employer that the teacher meets the requirements of this section.

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

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in  
the:  
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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Secretary of the Senate

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2023

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

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Speaker of the House

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Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
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