



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 185

Introduced by: **Senator Bordeaux**

1 **An Act to require members of the Legislature and staff of the Legislative Research**
2 **to attend a course on Indian law.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-9:**

5 Each member elected or appointed to the Legislature, prior to the first day of the
6 regular legislative session following the general election, shall attend, in-person or
7 remotely, a two-hour course on Indian law coordinated by the director of the Legislative
8 Research Council. The director of the Legislative Research Council shall:

9 (1) Select the time and date of the course;

10 (2) Select a person to teach the course; and

11 (3) Determine the course content.

12 A member of the Legislature who attends the course is not required to attend the
13 course again if the member is elected or appointed to the Legislature for a subsequent
14 term.

15 Staff of the Legislative Research Council's research and legal division and fiscal
16 analysis division must also attend the course at least once.