



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1017

Introduced by: **Representative Sjaarda**

1 **An Act to require the acceptance of a cash payment for admission to a school-**  
 2 **affiliated event.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-1:**

5 Every qualifying school must accept a cash payment for admission to a school-  
 6 affiliated event. If a qualifying school refuses to accept a cash payment from an individual  
 7 for admission to a school-affiliated event on the day of the event, and if the individual  
 8 demonstrates that the individual has an amount of cash sufficient to pay for the admission  
 9 fee, the qualifying school must grant the individual admission to the event without charge.

10 Every qualifying school that offers concessions for sale at a school-affiliated event  
 11 must provide at least one location on each floor at which concessions are sold, where an  
 12 individual may pay cash for concessions.

13 For the purposes of this section, "cash" means any physical coin, currency, or note  
 14 that is designated as legal tender by federal law.

15 For the purposes of this section, "qualifying school" means any school district,  
 16 department-accredited school, and institution under the control of the South Dakota Board  
 17 of Regents or the South Dakota Board of Technical Education.

18 For the purpose of this section, "school-affiliated event" means:

19 (1) Any athletic competition, play, musical, concert, performance, or other activity that  
 20 is conducted or sponsored by the qualifying school for which the qualifying school  
 21 charges an admission fee to attend; or

22 (2) Any event or activity that is conducted in a facility that is owned or leased by a  
 23 qualifying school.