



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 70

Introduced by: **Senator Marty**

1 **An Act to modify the maximum sparsity benefit a sparse school district is eligible to**
 2 **receive.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 13-13-79 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-13-79.** At the same time that state aid is distributed to school districts
 6 pursuant to §§ 13-13-10.1 to 13-13-41, inclusive, the secretary of the Department of
 7 Education ~~shall~~ must distribute funds to sparse school districts by multiplying the result of
 8 the calculation in either subdivision 13-13-78(2) or subdivision 13-13-78(3) by seventy-
 9 five percent of the per student equivalent as defined in § 13-13-10.1. ~~However,~~ provided
 10 that no sparse school district ~~may receive~~ receives a sparsity benefit ~~that exceeds~~
 11 exceeding one hundred ~~ten~~ seventy-five thousand dollars in any fiscal year.

12 Beginning on July 1, 2026, the maximum amount that a sparse school district may
 13 receive under this section increases annually by the index factor, as defined in § 13-13-
 14 10.1.