



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 174

Introduced by: **Senator Deibert**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to defray the operational costs of school districts.**

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

3 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$5,000,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
4 Education, for the purpose of defraying the operational costs of school districts.

5 **Section 2.** The Department of Education shall grant the moneys appropriated in section 1 of
6 this Act directly to school districts. Each district must be granted a pro rata share of the
7 moneys appropriated in section 1 of this Act, based on the district's 2026 fall enrollment in
8 relation to the statewide 2026 fall enrollment, as determined under subdivision 13-13-
9 10.1(2).

10 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
11 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

12 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June
13 30, 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

14 **Section 5.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2026.