



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1221

Introduced by: **Representative Lems**

1 **An Act to establish a post-employment restriction for employees of the Governor's**  
 2 **Office of Economic Development and create a penalty therefor.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-16G:**

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 53-9-8, an individual employed by the  
 6 Governor's Office of Economic Development may not, for a period of five years after  
 7 termination of employment with the office, accept compensation or employment from, or  
 8 enter into a contractual relationship with, any person that, during the individual's  
 9 employment with the Governor's Office of Economic Development, received, directly or  
 10 indirectly:

11 (1) Any grant, loan, moneys, or other financial assistance administered by the  
 12 Governor's Office of Economic Development; or

13 (2) Moneys from the employer's investment in South Dakota's future fund established  
 14 pursuant to § 61-5-29.1.

15 A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.