



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1244

Introduced by: **Representative Arlint**

1 **An Act to repeal the special donations fund and make an appropriation to the**  
 2 **Department of Education for the provision of a grant to support the Jobs for**  
 3 **America's Graduates-South Dakota program.**

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

5 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund, to the Department of  
 6 Education, for the purpose of providing a grant to a nonprofit organization located within the  
 7 state to provide financial support to school districts and accredited nonpublic schools  
 8 implementing the Jobs for America's Graduates program.

9 **Section 2.** The grant may be used only to:

- 10 (1) Match moneys received from private contributions or donations;  
 11 (2) Match any federal education or career readiness grants received by the Jobs for  
 12 America's Graduates-South Dakota program; or  
 13 (3) Support larger, collaborative efforts in which the nonprofit organization is a  
 14 partner.

15 Any moneys generated or efforts supported under this section must be directed  
 16 toward the operations of a Jobs for America's Graduates program in a school district or  
 17 accredited nonpublic school located within this state and may not be added to an  
 18 endowment fund.

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

21 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall  
 22 revert in accordance with the procedures described in chapter 4-8.

23 **Section 5.** The state treasurer shall transfer any moneys currently held in the special  
 24 donation fund, created pursuant to § 13-66-3, to the general fund.

1 **Section 6. That § 13-66-3 be REPEALED.**

2 ~~There is hereby created within the state treasury the special donations fund, into~~  
3 ~~which any grant, devise, bequest, donation, or gift, other than real property, made or~~  
4 ~~offered for the benefit of the Jobs for South Dakota's Graduates Program shall be~~  
5 ~~deposited. All moneys in the fund created in this section shall be used for the purposes of~~  
6 ~~initiation, expansion, support, enhancement, or in carrying out the objectives of the Jobs~~  
7 ~~for South Dakota's Graduates program. Interest earned on the money in the fund shall be~~  
8 ~~deposited into the fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be appropriated through the~~  
9 ~~normal budgeting process.~~

10 **Section 7. This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2026.**