



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 242

Introduced by: **Senator Grove**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Education for the provision**
2 **of grants to sparse school districts.**

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

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$2,500,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
5 Education, for the provision of grants to sparse school districts, as defined in § 13-13-78, for
6 the purposes provided in section 3 of this Act.

7 **Section 2.** The Department of Education shall provide a grant directly to each sparse school
8 district, as defined in § 13-13-78. Each sparse school district must be granted a pro rata share
9 of the moneys appropriated in section 1 of this Act, based on the district's 2026 fall
10 enrollment, as determined under § 13-13-10.1.

11 **Section 3.** A sparse school district shall use the moneys granted to make facility
12 improvements, or purchase educational technology or other instructional materials and
13 equipment.

14 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
15 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

16 **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June
17 30, 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

18 **Section 6.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2026.