2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 144

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: ***Senator*** *Brock Greenfield*

An Act to establish certain restrictions regarding participation in the state subsidized dual credit program for certain students.

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

Section 1. That § 13-28-37.1 be AMENDED:

13-28-37.1. State subsidized high school dual credit program--Tuition rate--Payment of tuition and costs.

A state subsidized high school dual credit program shall be established for any student in grades eleven or twelve. The public institution of higher education or postsecondary technical institute offering the credit shall set the admission standards. A participating institution shall regularly submit course availability, enrollment, and completion data to the Department of Education.

If a student receives a failing grade in any course or withdraws from a course after the deadline and does not receive credit for the course, the student may no longer participate in the program. The Board of Regents or Board of Technical Education may reinstate a student who is prohibited from participating in the dual credit program if the student demonstrates good cause for failing a course or withdrawing from a course, or if at the student's expense the student retakes and passes the course that the student withdrew from or failed.

The Board of Regents shall set a high school dual credit tuition rate equivalent to forty-three percent of the undergraduate off-campus tuition rate. The student taking the course shall pay an amount equal to ~~thirty-three and three tenths~~ fifty percent of the total high school dual credit tuition rate and a school district may pay any portion of the student's share. The state shall pay an amount equal to ~~sixty-six and seven tenths~~ fifty percent of the total high school dual credit tuition rate. No public institution of higher education or postsecondary technical institute offering the credit may require any additional fees.

The student is responsible for any other costs involved with attending a postsecondary institution. For the purposes of this section, the term, undergraduate off-campus tuition rate, means the per-credit rate, as set by the Board of Regents, that was in effect on January first of the previous fiscal year.