

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Kleven, Apa, Drake, Duxbury, Koskan, Madden, McIntyre, Symens,  
and Vitter and Representatives Monroe, Adelstein, Fryslie, Hennies (Thomas),  
Lintz, Napoli, Pederson (Gordon), Pummel, and Rhoden

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting adequate funding for vocational-technical  
2 education programs in South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, the 1995 Legislature enacted a new method of distributing general state aid to  
4 school districts and this new method changed support for secondary education programs; and

5 WHEREAS, secondary vocational-technical education programs are a critical link to  
6 community and state workforce development goals; and

7 WHEREAS, a well-educated and skilled workforce is vital to the economic development of  
8 local communities and the state of South Dakota; and

9 WHEREAS, fiscal challenges can cause individual school districts to reduce or eliminate  
10 funding for certain vocational-technical programs due to the high costs sometimes associated  
11 with the special equipment and facilities they require; and

12 WHEREAS, a significant number of high school graduates go directly into articulated  
13 postsecondary education or employment opportunities:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-seventh Legislature



1 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
2 Dakota Legislature supports the adequate funding of approved secondary vocational-technical  
3 education programs.