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Notice of Proposed Rules

Date in parentheses indicates when rules were filed with the Legislative Research Council.
Copies of proposed rules may be obtained for no charge at <https://rules.sd.gov> or from the agency directly.

South Dakota Commission on Gaming (Department of Revenue): (August 31, 2026) intends to amend a rule to modify the existing structure and include alternate pay tables for the 21 + 3 game, a blackjack variation of play. The general authority for this rule, as cited by the commission, is SDCL [42-7B-7](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held at the Deadwood City Hall, 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, South Dakota, on September 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (MT). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from, and written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to, the South Dakota Commission on Gaming, 120 Industrial Drive, Suite 1, Spearfish, South Dakota 57783. Comments may also be emailed to mark.heltzel@state.sd.us. Copies of the rules are also available at <https://rules.sd.gov> or may be obtained by calling (605) 578-3074. The deadline to submit written comments is 72 hours before the public hearing. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for whom the commission can make arrangements may call (605) 578-3074 at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

Department of Labor and Regulation: (September 3, 2026) intends to amend rules to revise the life expectancy tables for the purpose of calculating compensation lump sum payments under ARSD 47:03:01:07. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the department, is SDCL [62-7-6](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held via video conference on September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (CT). Individuals may participate through [Microsoft Teams](#) by using meeting ID 252 922 592 433 304 and passcode 9fj7cT3r or by calling (605) 679-7263 and using conference ID 123 792 644#. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from, and written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to, the Department of Labor and Regulation, Division of Labor and Management, PO Box 4730, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57402-4730. Comments may also be emailed to jerry.mccabe@state.sd.us. Copies of the rules are also available at <https://rules.sd.gov> or may be obtained by calling (605) 773-3101. The deadline to submit written comments is October 5, 2026. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for whom the department can make arrangements may call (605) 773-3101 at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

Department of Labor and Regulation: (September 3, 2026) intends to adopt rules to establish the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA). Specifically, the rules define administrative duties, registration procedures, program standards, review requirements, actions involving apprenticeship programs, reciprocity processes, and complaint procedures; and align South Dakota with federal apprenticeship requirements under 29 CFR Part 29, allowing the SAA to administer, register, oversee, and enforce Registered Apprenticeship Programs requirements at the state level. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the department, is SDCL [60-15-3](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held via video conference on September 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Individuals may participate through [Microsoft Teams](#) by using meeting ID 270 470 847 255 511 and passcode hD3PF3Ur or by calling (605) 679-7263 and using conference ID 559 411 957#. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from, and written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to, the Department of Labor and Regulation, 123 W. Missouri Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. Comments may also be emailed to starttoday@state.sd.us. Copies of the rules are also available at <https://rules.sd.gov> or may be obtained by calling (605) 773-3101. The deadline to submit written comments is October 5, 2026. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for whom the department can make arrangements may call (605) 773-3101 at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

School Finance Accountability Board (Department of Education): (September 3, 2026) intends to amend and repeal rules to clarify the process for which a district may request a waiver from the School Finance Accountability Board regarding the state minimum teacher salary, average teacher salary, or the general fund cash balance requirements, and to remove the Joint Committee on Appropriations from the waiver process. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the board, is SDCL [1-45-38](#).

A public hearing at which persons may present amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules will be held virtually with a public listening location at the MacKay Building, Library Commons, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota, on September 29, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (CT). Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the South Dakota Department of Education, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501; by email request to bobbi.leiferman@state.sd.us; or by calling (605) 773-3248. Written comments on the proposed rules may be sent to the South Dakota Department of Education, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 or emailed to bobbi.leiferman@state.sd.us. Material sent by mail or email must reach the board by September 25, 2026, to be considered. This hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Persons with special needs for whom the board can make arrangements may call (605) 773-5407 at least 48 hours before the public hearing.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 9, 2026

Department of Revenue: Adopt rules to establish application requirements for nicotine product licensees, inspection procedures, recordkeeping requirements for licensees, violation procedures, and product disposal or return requirements for retail licensees; 53 SDR 17, August 17, 2026.

Department of Health: Amend rules to update and clarify the Department of Health's waiver application requirements, including definitions, documentation order, acceptance procedures, and fee processing, to ensure submissions meet U.S. Department of State standards; 53 SDR 17, August 17, 2026.

September 10, 2026

Department of Game, Fish and Parks: Amend rules to allow limited harvest of muskellunge and northern-muskellunge (tiger) cross, establishing a daily limit of one fish, a possession limit of two fish, and a minimum length limit of forty-five inches; modify the transportation requirements for paddlefish harvested during the archery season below Gavins Point Dam by allowing harvested paddlefish to be cleaned prior to transport; remove the annual submission of a summary report for retail bait dealers as a requirement for license renewal and specify an annual summary report needs to be submitted by wholesale and export bait dealers; update the list of fish pathogens of regulatory concern that must be tested before fish importation permits may be issued; clarify the dates during which fishing tournaments are prohibited by specifying that tournaments may not be conducted on the Friday preceding the Fourth of July weekend when Independence Day falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday; modify the list of state endangered bird species; update the list of aquatic invasive species by adding the golden mussel to the list of aquatic invasive

invertebrates recognized by the department; and establish exemptions from aquatic invasive species conveyance launching and removal requirements for specific circumstance involving aquatic conveyances; 53 SDR 17, August 17, 2026.

Department of Revenue: Repeal, amend, and adopt rules to establish procedures for permanent closure of a motor vehicle dealer; establish certain required uses of the department's 605Drive system; permit retention of electronic records; require retention of certain paper records for at least a year; require document fees be advertised for customers, in accordance with federal law; prohibit the use of "broker" and "wholesale" in dealer names and advertising materials; and provide form and style adjustments; 53 SDR 21, August 24, 2026.

September 17, 2026

South Dakota Lottery Commission (Department of Revenue): Amend rules to provide the Executive Director the authority to suspend, revoke, or deny video lottery licenses; to clarify a minimum test period for new video lottery game software; permit online training and testing for video lottery technicians; eliminate log book requirements; clarify that ticket voucher credits must be redeemed by the close of the business day; and permit the sale of video lottery machines between operators. The general authority for these rules, as cited by the commission, is SDCL [42-7A-4](#), [42-7A-21](#), and [42-7A-43](#); 53 SDR 26, August 31, 2026.

September 21, 2026

South Dakota Division of Insurance (Department of Labor and Regulation): Adopt a rule to define the word "resident" for an individual producer, business entity, or applicant; amend rules to update and incorporate by reference the most recent edition of guidelines pertaining to coverage for preventative items and services, and to include the best interest standard for broker-dealers; and repeal Appendix A to incorporate the most recent edition of guidelines; 53 SDR 26, August 31, 2026.

September 22, 2026

South Dakota Transportation Commission (Department of Transportation): Amend rules to change speed limits on State Trunk Highway 115 north of Sioux Falls in Minnehaha County, U.S. Highway 83 near Onida in Sully County, and South Dakota Highway 248 in and around Kadoka in Jackson County; update highway references and eliminate speed limit provisions that are no longer needed because of highway jurisdictional transfers; and change when the terms "business" and "person" are used in rules pertaining to contractor prequalification to submit bids for highway construction projects; 53 SDR 21, August 24, 2026.

South Dakota Commission on Gaming (Department of Revenue): Amend a rule to modify the existing structure and include alternate pay tables for the 21 + 3 game, a blackjack variation of play; 53 SDR 29, September 8, 2026.

September 23, 2026

Department of Health: Amend rules to update and clarify requirements through Article 44:90 to align with current medical cannabis industry standards, improve consistency, and modernize administrative processes; 53 SDR 25, August 31, 2026.

Department of Health: Amend a rule to add Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I, and Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II to South Dakota's newborn screening panel; 53 SDR 25, August 31, 2026.

September 24, 2026

Department of Health: Adopt rules to establish design, construction, and operational standards for biological filtration pools at lodging establishments as required by [House Bill 1299](#), approved by the 2026 South Dakota Legislature; 53 SDR 25, August 31, 2026.

Department of Health: Amend rules to update and clarify vital records requirements by modernizing terminology; refining filing and amendment procedures; and improving consistency across birth, death, and marriage registration processes; 53 SDR 26, August 31, 2026.

Department of Labor and Regulation: Amend rules to revise the life expectancy tables for the purpose of calculating compensation lump sum payments under ARSD 47:03:01:07; 53 SDR 29, September 8, 2026.

Department of Labor and Regulation: Adopt rules to establish the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA). Specifically, the rules define administrative duties, registration procedures, program standards, review requirements, actions involving apprenticeship programs, reciprocity processes, and complaint procedures; and align South Dakota with federal apprenticeship requirements under 29 CFR Part 29, allowing the SAA to administer, register, oversee, and enforce Registered Apprenticeship Programs requirements at the state level; 53 SDR 29, September 8, 2026.

September 29, 2026

School Finance Accountability Board (Department of Education): Amend and repeal rules to clarify the process for which a district may request a waiver from the School Finance Accountability Board regarding the state minimum teacher salary, average teacher salary, or the general fund cash balance requirements, and to remove the Joint Committee on Appropriations from the waiver process; 53 SDR 30, September 8, 2026.

RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Interim Rules Review Committee for the 2026 Interim is Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (CT) via electronic conference and in Room 414 of the State Capitol. The final scheduled meeting for the 2026 Interim is October 14. Notices of future committee meetings will be posted in this publication, on the [LRC website](#), and at the Capitol.

The Drafting Manual for Administrative Rules in South Dakota is available on the [Administrative Rules Manual page](#) of the LRC website and is updated regularly to reflect changes in drafting styles and procedures.