



## JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS | FEBRUARY 5, 2025



**BLACK HILLS**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



**DAKOTA STATE**  
UNIVERSITY



**NORTHERN**  
STATE UNIVERSITY



SD School for the Blind  
and Visually Impaired



**SDSD**  
South Dakota Services for the Deaf  
Partners in Education for Children who are Deaf & Hard of Hearing



**SOUTH  
DAKOTA  
MINES**



**SOUTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA**

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

- South Dakota's Six Public Universities + Two Special Schools
- Governing Board of nine Regents, including one Student Regent
- Two new presidents:
  - Steve Elliott, Black Hills State University
  - Dr. Brian Tande, South Dakota Mines
- BOR Budget by Fund Source
  - General Funds, Tuition and Fees, and Other Sources



# THANK YOU

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**  
HAVE THE HIGHEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTRY  
*Reported by University Business*

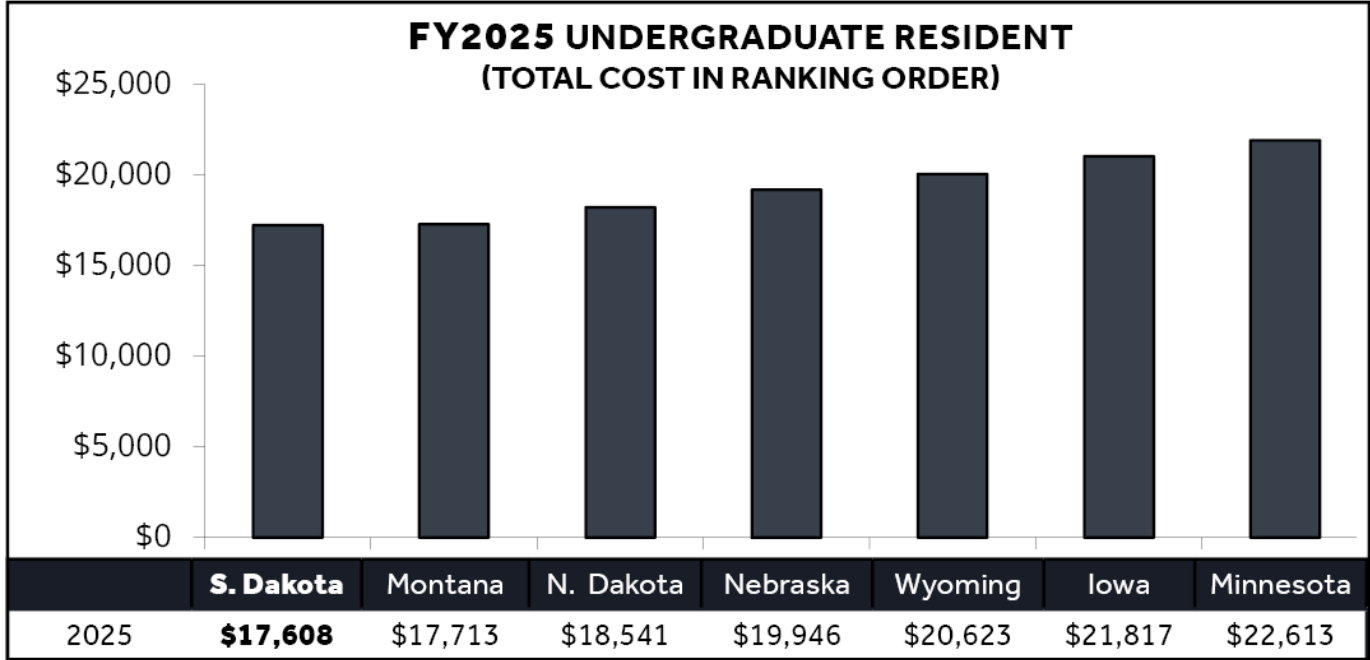
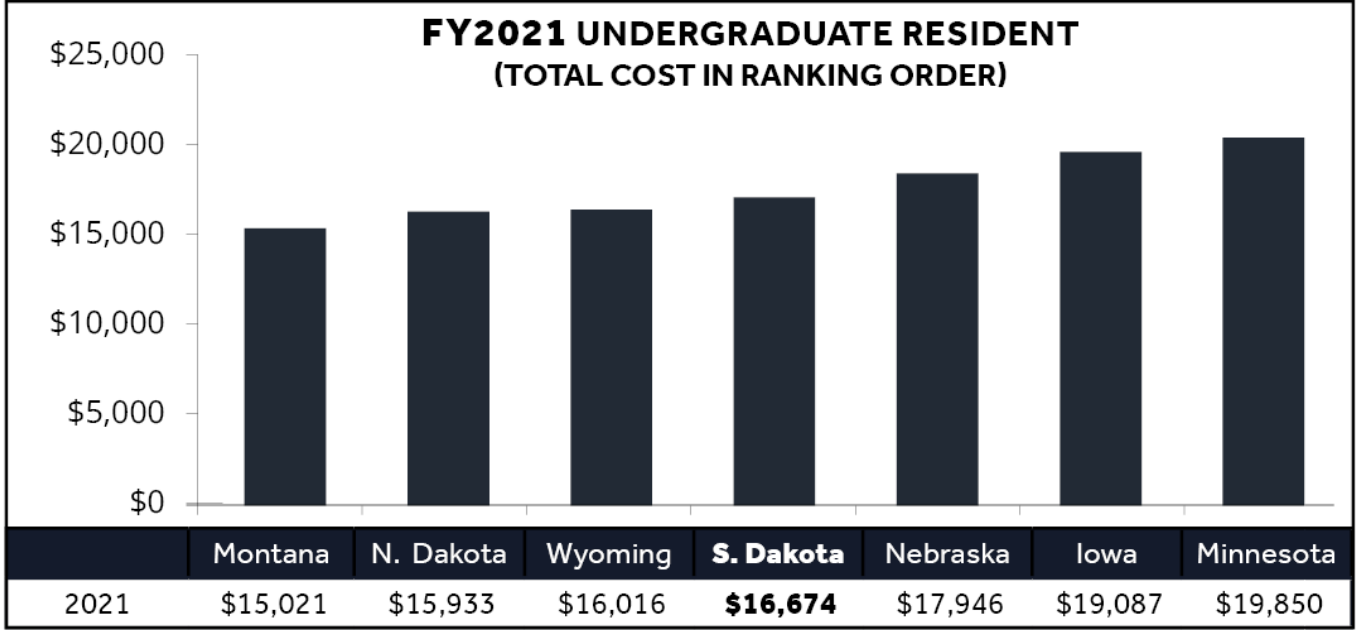
ON AVERAGE,  
SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS HOLD THE  
**2<sup>ND</sup> LOWEST STUDENT LOAN BALANCE**  
IN THE NATION *according to New York Fed Economic Research*

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
NAMED THE MOST AFFORDABLE STATE  
TO GET A COLLEGE DEGREE *by Forbes*

# TUITION FREEZE IMPACT 2021-2025

## REGIONAL FIVE-YEAR TOTAL COST INCREASE

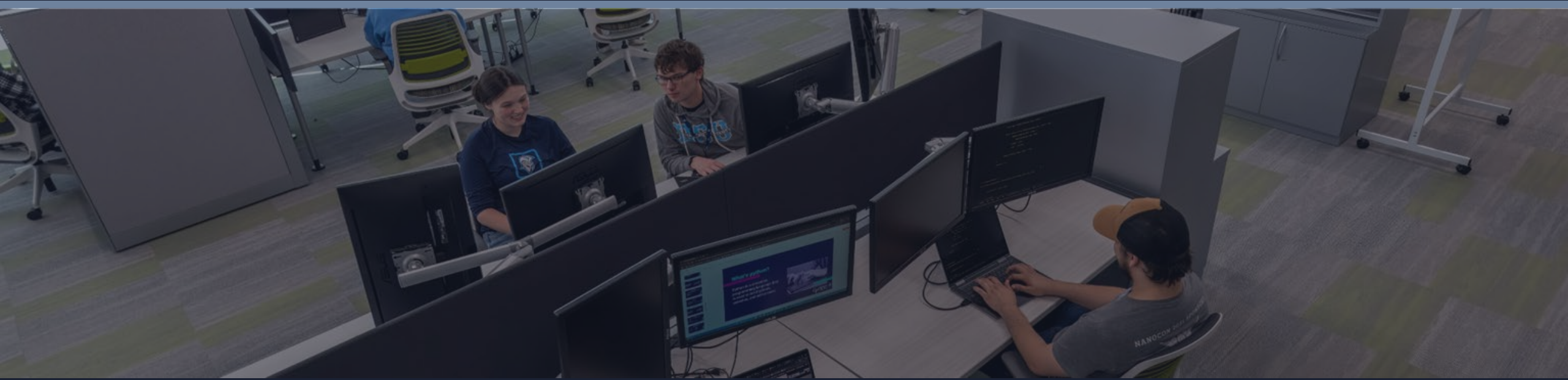
SD	MT	ND	NE	WY	IA	MN
5.2%	17.9%	16.4%	11.1%	28.8%	14.3%	13.9%





# TUITION FREEZE PARTNERSHIP | TOTAL ABSORBED BY UNIVERSITIES

FUND SOURCE	FY21	FY23	FY24	FY25* PROJECTED
Salary Policy for Fee-Funded Employees	\$796,568	\$1,640,386	\$2,634,593	\$1,021,683
CPI on Fee-Funded Operating Expenses	\$719,328	\$678,153	\$776,523	\$841,233
Cost Increases on Fee-Funded Operations Absorbed by Universities	\$1,515,896	\$2,318,539	\$3,411,116	\$1,862,916
Total Ongoing Absorbed Over Four-Year Period*		\$9,108,467		



A background image showing two men in a workshop. One man with a beard and safety glasses is leaning over a workbench, looking at a machine. The other man is standing next to him, also looking at the machine. The workshop has various tools and equipment visible.

# DEVELOPING AN EDUCATED WORKFORCE

## ENROLLMENT TRENDING POSITIVE

	HEADCOUNT	% CHANGE
2020	33,566	-2.8%
2021	33,445	-0.4%
2022	33,690	0.7%
2023	34,372	2.0%
<b>2024</b>	<b>36,091</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

## FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATES

	HEADCOUNT	% CHANGE
2020	4,945	-4.8%
2021	4,898	-1.0%
2022	5,208	6.3%
2023	5,341	2.6%
<b>2024</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>4.3%</b>





# RETAINING AND COMPLETING

SYSTEM RETENTION	
2020	80.5%
2021	78.1%
2022	83.7%
2023	82.2%
<b>2024</b>	<b>82.8%</b>

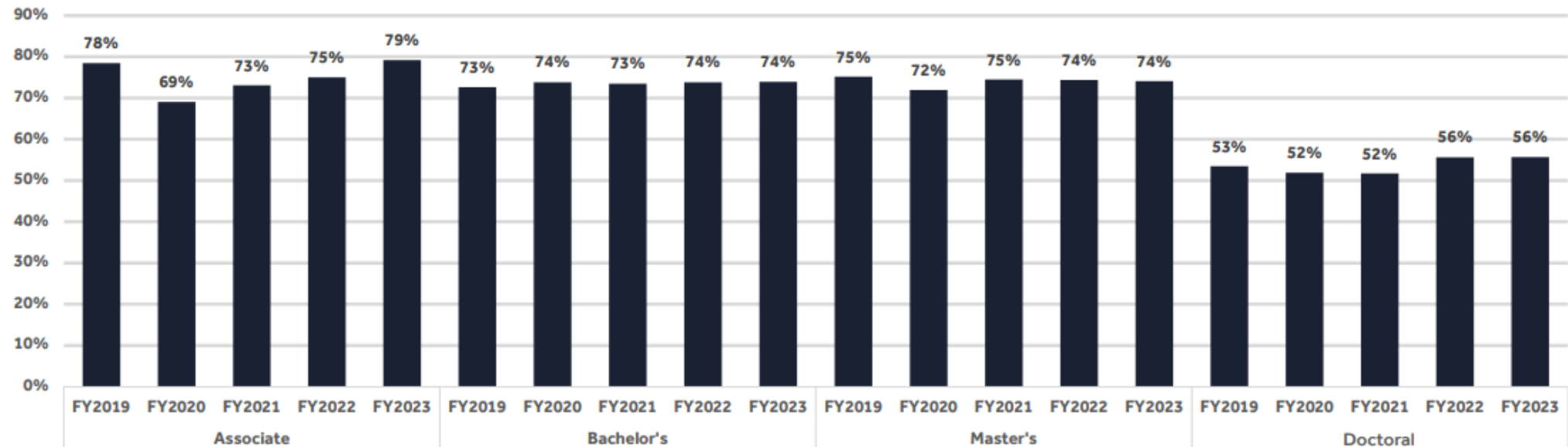
SYSTEM 6-YEAR COMPLETION	
2020	59.7%
2021	61.6%
2022	60.4%
2023	61.2%
<b>2024</b>	<b>62.2%</b>

# PLACEMENT AND OUTCOMES OF REGENTAL GRADUATES

GRAD YEAR	NONRESIDENT Distinct Grads Employed in SD	RESIDENT Distinct Grads Employed in SD
FY19	642	2,745
FY20	742	2,605
FY21	768	2,424
FY22	793	2,504
FY23	798	2,439



## FIRST-YEAR IN-STATE PLACEMENT OF RESIDENT GRADUATES







# ENGAGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Since 2021, the **Opportunity Centers** have served as vibrant hubs where every student is welcomed, accepted, and provided with the necessary resources to thrive.

The new **Center for Civic Engagement** is the cornerstone of programming and participation for our public universities, allowing the Board of Regents to enhance activity in this crucial area.

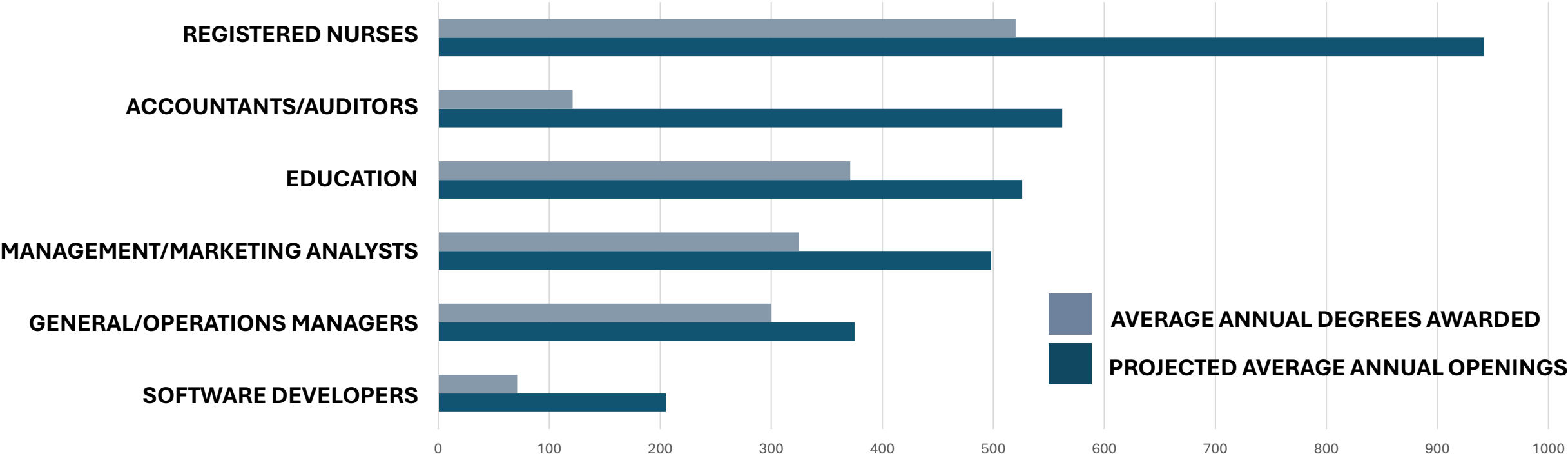
# TOP UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED

HEALTH PROFESSIONS	BUSINESS AND RELATED	ENGINEERING	EDUCATION	COMPUTER SCIENCE
738	633	424	371	320



## SOUTH DAKOTA'S TOP OCCUPATIONS

PROJECTED AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS VS. AVERAGE ANNUAL DEGREES AWARDED BY SDBOR





# INITIATIVES AND EFFICIENCIES

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## SENATE BILL 55 | 2021

- Senate Bill 55 was a collaborative effort between the State Legislature and BOR
- The bill required BOR to form a Task Force to examine programmatic and administrative efficiencies across the six public universities
- This initiative ultimately resulted in the development of a new strategic plan for the university system

## SYSTEM EFFORTS

- Shared Services: central HR, uniform operation system, shared cybersecurity measures, streamlined budget process
- Course enrollment management and new programming requests policy
- Ongoing evaluation of the BOR system to ensure optimal operation and identify improvement areas



A large group of people, likely a school or sports team, are standing on a green football field. They are arranged in a large, roughly rectangular formation, with some individuals in the back rows wearing yellow shirts. The field has white yard lines and numbers (20, 30, 40, 50) visible. The text "GOVERNOR NOEM'S BUDGET" is overlaid in white capital letters across the center of the image.

# GOVERNOR NOEM'S BUDGET

- 2 million in base cuts across the system
- 9 million in maintenance and repair cuts across the system
- **Totaling a proposed 3.5% budget reduction**

**THANK YOU**

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