

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1186

Introduced by: Representatives Weems, Buckingham, Dennert, Dreyer, Faehn, Feinstein, Gilson, Hackl, Heineman, Hills, Juhnke, Krebs, Lucas, Noem, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Olson (Russell), Pederson (Gordon), Peters, Pitts, Rausch, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Greenfield, Albers, Dempster, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Hanson (Gary), Maher, McNenny, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), and Smidt (Orville)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the eligibility requirements for the opportunity  
2 scholarship by allowing a student to take the ACT or SAT test after graduating from high  
3 school.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-55-31 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-55-31. In order to be eligible for a South Dakota opportunity scholarship award, a student  
7 shall:

- 8 (1) Be a resident of South Dakota at the time of graduation from high school;
- 9 (2) Have a composite score of 24, or higher, on the test administered by the American  
10 College Testing Program or a verbal-mathematics score of 1070-1100, on the  
11 Scholastic Assessment Test ~~and the ACT or SAT test shall be taken before the~~  
12 ~~student graduates from high school;~~
- 13 (3) Meet the high school course requirements as provided in Board of Regents Policy



1 Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on January 1, 2003;

2 (4) Attend a university, college, or technical school that is accredited by the North  
3 Central Association of Colleges and Schools and that provides instruction from a  
4 campus located in South Dakota; and

5 (5) Enter into the program within five years of graduation from high school or within one  
6 year of the student's release from active duty with an active component of the armed  
7 forces if the release is within five years of the student's graduation from high school.

8 If a student attends full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical  
9 school located outside South Dakota and within two years following high school  
10 graduation or within two years following release from active military service returns  
11 to the state to attend full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical  
12 school, the student is eligible to receive a partial award.

13 A student is eligible to participate in the South Dakota opportunity scholarship program for  
14 the equivalent of four academic years (eight consecutive spring and fall terms) or until the  
15 attainment of a baccalaureate or technical degree, whichever comes first. However, the  
16 executive director of the Board of Regents may grant exceptions to the continuous enrollment  
17 requirements for good cause shown.

18 A student who would have been eligible for the scholarship, but who applies after  
19 completing one or more semesters of full-time work at an accredited institution, may be  
20 admitted to the program only if the student has complied with the same grade point and credit  
21 hour requirements that would apply to program participants. Admission granted under these  
22 circumstances may not be retroactive, and eligibility for participation in the program shall be  
23 reduced by one semester for each semester of work completed prior to admission to the  
24 program.