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HOUSE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1175** - 2/7/2011

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: Representatives Perry, Brunner, Schaefer, Sly, Tulson, Venner, and White
and Senator Gray

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the jump start scholarship program.

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

3 Section 1. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 There is hereby established the jump start scholarship program to be administered by the
6 Board of Regents. The purpose of the program is to allow a student who graduates from a public
7 high school in three years or less to receive a scholarship funded with a portion of the money
8 saved by the state in state aid to education funding pursuant to chapter 13-13 as a result of the
9 student's early graduation if the student enrolls at any college, university, or technical school
10 accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that provides instruction
11 from a campus located in South Dakota.

12 Section 2. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
13 follows:

14 To be eligible for the jump start scholarship program, a student shall:



- 1 (1) Be a resident of South Dakota;
- 2 (2) Complete the requirements of the recommended high school program as established
3 by the Board of Education pursuant to § 13-1-12.1, and be awarded a high school
4 diploma by a public high school by the end of grade eleven, including any summer
5 school courses completed before the end of that school fiscal year;
- 6 (3) Have attended a public high school in South Dakota on a full-time basis for at least
7 two semesters prior to graduating;
- 8 (4) Apply to the Board of Regents for a jump start scholarship in the manner specified
9 by the board; and
- 10 (5) Within one year of graduating from high school, excluding any time served on active
11 duty in the armed forces of the United States, enroll in a college, university, or
12 technical school accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
13 that provides instruction from a campus located in South Dakota.

14 No student who enrolls in a high school for all or any part of grade twelve is eligible for the
15 jump start scholarship program.

16 Section 3. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
17 follows:

18 The amount of the scholarship award is three thousand five hundred dollars. One half of the
19 award shall be paid to a public institution on behalf of any eligible student there enrolled or
20 directly to an eligible student enrolled in a nonpublic institution at the beginning of the fall
21 semester, and the other half shall be paid in the same manner at the beginning of the spring
22 semester.

23 Section 4. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
24 follows:

1 Each school district shall annually report to the Department of Education the names of all
2 enrolled students who meet the qualifications in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of section 2 of this
3 Act, and the Department of Education shall subsequently report the information provided to the
4 Board of Regents.

5 Section 5. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Any student to whom a jump start scholarship is awarded may apply for enrollment at any
8 approved postsecondary educational institution. However, the institution is not required to
9 accept the applicant for enrollment, and the institution may require compliance with its own
10 admissions requirements. If the institution admits the student, the institution shall give written
11 notice to the Board of Regents, and the scholarship award shall be distributed pursuant to
12 section 3 of this Act.

13 Section 6. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 In fiscal year 2013 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of money saved by the state
16 in state aid to general education funding due to the early graduation of students who meet the
17 qualifications in section 2 of this Act and are awarded a jump start scholarship shall be
18 appropriated to the Board of Regents through the General Appropriations Act for the purpose
19 of providing jump start scholarships to eligible students.

20 Section 7. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
21 follows:

22 The Board of Regents may allocate funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose
23 of providing jump start scholarships to eligible students.

24 Section 8. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as

1 follows:

2 The Board of Regents shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish timelines
3 and procedures for the jump start scholarship program application process, and to establish
4 timelines and procedures for the reporting of information required pursuant to this Act.