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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1136

Introduced by: Representative Munsterman and Senator Vehle

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the annual report  
2 provided by the Board of Regents to the Council on Higher Education Policy Goals,  
3 Performance, and Accountability, and to declare an emergency.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-48A-1 be amended to read:

6 13-48A-1. Terms used in this chapter mean:

- 7 (1) "Average state appropriation per higher education student," the average state general  
8 fund appropriation for each student enrolled in an institution of higher education  
9 under the control of the Board of Regents for the previous fiscal year as determined  
10 by the Bureau of Finance and Management;
- 11 (2) "Full-time equivalent," at the postsecondary technical institutes equals thirty credit  
12 hours of instruction per year, and at the institutions under the control of the Board of  
13 Regents equals thirty credit hours of instruction per year for undergraduates, twenty-  
14 four credit hours of instruction per year for students seeking master's and doctoral  
15 degrees, thirty credit hours of instruction per year for students in law school, and



1 thirty-eight credit hours of instruction per year for students in medical school;

2 (3) "Projected state general fund increase," the estimated percentage change in state  
3 general fund revenue, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to § 4-7-10 or as  
4 adopted by the standing committees on appropriations;

5 (4) "Public postsecondary education institutions," the postsecondary technical institutes  
6 under the control of the Board of Education and the institutions of higher education  
7 under the control of the Board of Regents; and

8 (5) "Public postsecondary education systems," the system of postsecondary technical  
9 institutes under the control of the Board of Education and the system of institutions  
10 of higher education under the control of the Board of Regents;

11 (6) "Resident student," a student who meets the definition of resident for the purposes  
12 of resident tuition as established in § 13-53-6.3; and

13 (7) "State appropriation," includes all state appropriations for higher education, except  
14 appropriations for the Sanford School of Medicine, the South Dakota Agricultural  
15 Experiment Station, the South Dakota State University Extension Service, the State  
16 Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, the Northern State University  
17 Center for Statewide E-learning, and any other special appropriations.

18 Section 2. That § 13-48A-7 be amended to read:

19 13-48A-7. The Board of Regents and the Board of Education shall each provide to the  
20 Council on Higher Education Policy Goals, Performance, and Accountability an annual  
21 accountability report. The initial accountability report, to be provided to the council in 2013,  
22 shall contain, for each of the postsecondary education institutions under the respective board's  
23 control, information on the following:

24 (1) Improvements in on-time degree completions;

- 1 (2) Affordability for students;
- 2 (3) The placement of graduates in jobs or further study in South Dakota; ~~and~~
- 3 (4) Improvements in the percentages of graduates who are successful in passing
- 4 licensure, certification, or exit exams administered by third parties; and
- 5 (5) Beginning in 2017 and in every year thereafter, the annual accountability report of
- 6 the Board of Regents shall also include the three most recent fiscal years' state
- 7 appropriation per full-time equivalent resident state support higher education student
- 8 identified by each higher education institution under the board's control, including
- 9 a three-year rolling average of the previous three most recent fiscal years identified
- 10 by each higher education institution under the board's control. The ratio reported by
- 11 institution shall be set forth as the sum of state appropriations for the three most
- 12 recent fiscal years as the numerator, and the sum of the full-time equivalent resident
- 13 state support higher education students for the three most recent fiscal years as the
- 14 denominator.

15 The council shall determine the content of subsequent accountability reports.

16 Section 3. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its

17 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in

18 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.