

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1240

Introduced by: Representatives Roe and Smidt and Senator Brown (Arnold)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require students of state-supported postsecondary  
2 institutions to have health insurance coverage.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-39 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 As a condition of admission, any student taking five or more credit hours at a postsecondary  
7 vocational-technical institute under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education, or  
8 state-supported institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, shall either purchase  
9 the health care insurance available through the institution or produce documentation of coverage  
10 under another health care plan. If the student is covered under another health care plan, the other  
11 plan shall meet or exceed the benefit limits of the plan available through the institution.

12 Section 2. That chapter 13-49 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
13 follows:

14 As a condition of admission, any student taking five or more credit hours at a postsecondary  
15 vocational-technical institute under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education, or  
16 state-supported institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, shall either purchase

1 the health care insurance available through the institution or produce documentation of coverage  
2 under another health care plan. If the student is covered under another health care plan, the other  
3 plan shall meet or exceed the benefit limits of the plan available through the institution.

4 Section 3. That chapter 28-13 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any student taking five or more credit hours in a postsecondary vocational-technical institute  
7 under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education or state-supported institution  
8 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents is not eligible for county poor relief unless the  
9 student has met the requirements of section 1 of this Act.