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HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

Introduced by: Representatives Wick, Broderick, Flowers, Garnos, Gillespie, Holbeck, Jaspers, Jensen, Juhnke, Kooistra, Nesselhuf, and Smidt and Senators Olson (Ed), Duxbury, and Sutton (Dan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a refund of tuition for certain teachers.

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

3 Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

4 (1) "Eligible teacher," a teacher who has only taught in a school district with an average
5 daily membership of less than eight hundred or who teaches in a subject area of critical
6 need as determined by the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and whose first
7 year of teaching is after the 2001 school year;

8 (2) "Post secondary tuition," the lesser of five thousand dollars or actual tuition paid minus
9 any scholarships or grants that were received by the eligible teacher;

10 (3) "Secretary," the secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs

11 Section 2. Notwithstanding provisions of § 4-7-39, at the end of each fiscal year, the
12 secretary shall transfer twenty-five percent any money, not to exceed one million dollars that has
13 been appropriated for state aid to general education or state aid to special education that has not
14 been spent or legally obligated to the teacher tuition reimbursement fund which is hereby created.

1 No money may be transferred to the teacher tuition reimbursement fund if the amount in the fund
2 is two million five hundred thousand dollars or more.

3 Section 3. An eligible teacher may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
4 their first year's post secondary tuition if the teacher has taught in South Dakota for three
5 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

6 Section 4. An eligible teacher may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
7 their second year's post secondary tuition if the teacher has taught in South Dakota for five
8 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

9 Section 5. An eligible teacher may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
10 their third year's post secondary tuition if the teacher has taught in South Dakota for seven
11 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

12 Section 6. An eligible teacher may receive a reimbursement equal to seventy-five percent of
13 their fourth year's post secondary tuition if the teacher has taught in South Dakota for nine
14 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

15 Section 7. An eligible teacher may receive a reimbursement equal to twenty-five percent of
16 their first four year's post secondary tuition if the teacher has taught in South Dakota for ten
17 consecutive years following graduation from an accredited college or university.

18 Section 8. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall pay eligible teachers their
19 tuition reimbursement out of any money in the teacher tuition reimbursement fund.

20 Section 9. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs may promulgate rules pursuant
21 to chapter 1-26 to implement the provisions of this Act.