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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1004** - 02/07/2002

Introduced by: Representatives Wick, Bradford, Broderick, Gillespie, Holbeck, McCoy, and Teupel and Senators Moore, Ham, McIntyre, and Sutton (Dan) at the request of the Interim Teacher Credentialing and Compensation Committee

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 teaches in a subject area of critical need as
5 determined by the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, and whose first year
6 of teaching is after the 2002 school year;

7 (2) "Postsecondary tuition," the lesser of five thousand dollars or actual qualified higher
8 education expenses as defined in subdivision 13-63-1(13) paid by the eligible teacher;

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

10 Section 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the South Dakota teacher tuition
11 reimbursement fund into which shall be deposited any appropriations, private donations, grants,
12 federal funds, and other funds provided to the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs for
13 tuition reimbursements to teachers. Any interest earned on the money in the fund shall be
14 deposited in the fund.



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

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

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

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

13 Section 7. An eligible teacher shall receive an additional reimbursement equal to the
14 remaining twenty-five percent of the teacher's first four year's postsecondary tuition if the teacher
15 has taught in South Dakota for ten consecutive years following graduation from an accredited
16 college or university.

17 Section 8. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall pay eligible teachers their
18 tuition reimbursement out of any money in the teacher tuition reimbursement fund or a
19 proportion of those funds available.

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