

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1166

Introduced by: Representatives Holbeck, Garnos, and Van Etten and Senators Reedy, Albers,  
Daugaard, Munson, and Sutton (Dan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a master teacher program and to make an  
2 appropriation therefor.

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

4 Section 1. The master teacher program is hereby established within the Department of  
5 Education and Cultural Affairs. Each year the department shall select one hundred teachers from  
6 South Dakota's public school districts and designate those teachers as master teachers.

7 Section 2. Any person employed as a full time teacher in a South Dakota public school  
8 district may apply to the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs to be designated as a  
9 master teacher.

10 Section 3. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs may establish criteria for  
11 selection of master teachers provided that the criteria include five years of teaching experience  
12 in South Dakota, experience in remote teaching or other use of technology in teaching,  
13 endorsement by the principal of the school in which the teacher teaches or by the superintendent  
14 of the school district that employs the teacher, and submission of a resume or portfolio by the  
15 applicant.



1 Section 4. Each teacher selected as a master teacher is entitled to an award of five thousand  
2 dollars upon receiving the award and an award of one thousand dollars for each year after that,  
3 up to five years. The one-half of the initial five thousand dollar award shall be paid by the State  
4 of South Dakota and one-half shall be paid by the school district that employs the teacher. The  
5 subsequent one thousand dollar awards shall be paid by the school district that employs the  
6 teacher. If a teacher who has been designated as a master teacher becomes employed by another  
7 South Dakota public school district, that school district assumes the responsibility for any award  
8 under the provisions of this Act to which the teacher is entitled.

9 Section 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of two hundred fifty  
10 thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of  
11 Education and Cultural Affairs to pay master teacher awards as provided for in this Act..

12 Section 6. The secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall approve  
13 vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

14 Section 7. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by  
15 June 30, 2003, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.

16 Section 8. The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs may promulgate rules pursuant  
17 to chapter 1-26 to implement the provisions of this Act.