

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1020

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting adequate funding for secondary career and technical education programs in South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the 1995 Legislature enacted a method of distributing general state aid to school districts and this new method eliminated direct support for secondary career and technical education programs; and

WHEREAS, secondary career and technical education programs are a critical link to workforce development goals; and

WHEREAS, a well educated and skilled workforce is vital to the economic development of communities and the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, fiscal challenges have caused individual school districts to reduce or eliminate secondary career and technical education programs due to the high costs sometimes associated with the special equipment and facilities they require; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of high school graduates go directly into articulated postsecondary education or employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since 1995 there has been a twenty-four percent reduction in secondary career and technical education programs with over one hundred programs having been eliminated; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of South Dakota businesses and industries support secondary career and technical education and request renewed funding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature supports adequate funding of approved secondary career and technical education programs.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

March 06, 2003
March 07, 2003

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