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HOUSE BILL NO. 1157

Introduced by: Representatives Olson (Ryan), Boomgarden, Bradford, Buckingham, Davis, Elliott, Fryslie, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Glover, Haley, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Hennies, Jerke, Kroger, Lange, McLaughlin, Miles, Nelson, Novstrup, O'Brien, Roberts, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Valandra, and Van Norman and Senators Adelstein, Broderick, Duenwald, Kloucek, Kooistra, Moore, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Sutton (Dan), and Two Bulls

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to extend opportunity scholarship eligibility to South
2 Dakota students who attend college or technical school out-of-state and then return to South
3 Dakota to attend school.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-55-31 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-55-31. In order to be eligible for a South Dakota opportunity scholarship award, a student
7 shall:

- 8 (1) Be a resident of South Dakota at the time of graduation from high school;
- 9 (2) Have a composite score of 24, or higher, on the test administered by the American
10 College Testing Program or a verbal-mathematics score of 1070-1100, on the
11 Scholastic Assessment Test and the ACT or SAT test shall be taken before the
12 student graduates from high school;
- 13 (3) Meet the high school course requirements as provided in Board of Regents Policy



1 Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on January 1, 2003;

2 (4) Attend a university, college, or technical school that is accredited by the North
3 Central Association of Colleges and Schools and that provides instruction from a
4 campus located in South Dakota; and

5 (5) Enter into the program within five years of graduation from high school or within one
6 year of the student's release from active duty with an active component of the armed
7 forces if the release is within five years of the student's graduation from high school.

8 ~~However, eligibility is lost if~~ If a student attends full-time a regionally accredited
9 university, college, or technical school located outside South Dakota and within ~~the~~
10 ~~five~~ two years following high school graduation or within ~~the one year~~ two years
11 following release from active military service returns to the state to attend full-time
12 a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school, the student is eligible
13 to receive a partial award.

14 A student is eligible to participate in the South Dakota opportunity scholarship program for
15 the equivalent of four academic years (eight consecutive spring and fall terms) or until the
16 attainment of a baccalaureate or technical degree, whichever comes first. A student eligible for
17 only a partial award may participate in the program for the equivalent of three academic years
18 (six consecutive spring and fall terms) or until the attainment of a baccalaureate or technical
19 degree, whichever comes first. However, the executive director of the Board of Regents may
20 grant exceptions to the continuous enrollment requirements for good cause shown.

21 Section 2. That § 13-55-33 be amended to read as follows:

22 13-55-33. One-half of the annual scholarship award shall be paid to public institutions on
23 behalf of eligible students there enrolled or directly to eligible students enrolled at nonpublic
24 institutions at the beginning of the fall semester and the other half shall be paid at the beginning

1 of the spring semester. The amount of the annual award shall be as follows:

- 2 (1) One thousand dollars for the first year of attendance;
- 3 (2) One thousand dollars for the second year of attendance;
- 4 (3) One thousand dollars for the third year of attendance;
- 5 (4) Two thousand dollars for the fourth year of attendance.

6 A student eligible for only a partial award pursuant to § 13-55-31 is not entitled to an award
7 payment for the fourth year of attendance.

8 If, in any year, the total funds available to finance the scholarship awards are insufficient to
9 permit each eligible recipient to receive the full amount provided in this section, the available
10 moneys shall be prorated and distributed to each recipient in proportion to the entitlement
11 contemplated by this section. The total amount of the scholarship may not exceed five thousand
12 dollars.