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## South Dakota Legislature Seeking High School Students to Serve as Pages

**PIERRE** – Each legislative session, high school students from across South Dakota have an opportunity to get a firsthand look at the legislative process by serving as pages for the South Dakota Legislature. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2020 Legislative Session.

Pages are appointed to serve in the House of Representatives or the Senate for one of five terms during January, February, and March. The 95<sup>th</sup> South Dakota Legislative Session runs from January 14, 2020 to March 30, 2020 with a recess from March 13-27. Pages are assigned to committee meetings in the mornings and Chamber floor sessions in the afternoons.

Representative Steven Haugaard, Speaker of the House, says the program benefits both students and lawmakers.

"We are fortunate each year to have high caliber students in the Page program from all corners of the state. They receive hands-on experience with the legislative process and provide valuable assistance to legislators," Haugaard said.

Senator Brock Greenfield, President Pro Tempore, says students who participate also make lasting memories during their service.

"Pages have the privilege of taking a private tour of the Capitol dome, having dinner with the Governor and First Gentleman, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance in their assigned Chamber. Their experiences as pages can help shape them personally and academically," said Greenfield.

The preferred application deadline is October 15, 2019 with a final deadline of November 12, 2019. Information on the Page program including an application can be found on the Legislative Research Council's [website](#).