



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1044

Introduced by: **Representative Duba**

1 **An Act to update the United States census survey used to ascertain and adjust the**  
2 **salary of members of the Legislature.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 2-4-2 be AMENDED:**

5 **2-4-2.** The salary of each member of the Legislature is equal to one-fifth of the  
6 South Dakota median household income reported by the United States Census ~~Current~~  
7 Population American Community Survey, as ascertained and adjusted each year by the  
8 State Board of Finance to take effect on the first day of January of each year for every  
9 regular legislative session. In addition, each legislator ~~shall receive~~ receives:

10 (1) Reimbursement to be paid after the legislative session for actual mileage or its  
11 equivalent traveled to and from home not more than once each weekend or  
12 between days of recess during the regular legislative session, at state rates  
13 established by the Board of Finance;

14 (2) Expenses of one hundred twenty-three dollars per day for each day of a regular or  
15 special legislative session as prepaid reimbursement for living expenses, including  
16 meals and lodging, laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing, and all other  
17 uncompensated expenses as defined in § 2-4-2.1 incident to the performance of  
18 legislative services, or at the amount fixed for the per diem allowance that is  
19 authorized by the United States Internal Revenue Service to be excluded from the  
20 gross income without itemization as of October first each year, whichever of the  
21 two is greater; and

22 (3) Five cents once each session for every mile of necessary travel in going to and  
23 returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature by the most usual route.

24 For each day's attendance at special sessions, each member, in addition to mileage  
25 and expenses, shall receive a per diem calculated by the director of the Legislative

- 1 Research Council equal to the normal daily compensation for the regular session
- 2 immediately preceding the special session.