

## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1236****AMENDMENT 1236B  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to recognize students as Rushmore State Athletes upon demonstrating**  
2 **prescribed levels of physical fitness.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 13-33 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 Each school district, in implementing the physical education standards applicable  
6 to students in kindergarten through grade twelve, ~~must may~~ make available to students  
7 a recognition program under which a student may request an annual evaluation of the  
8 student's fitness level.

9 If a student ~~participating in the program~~ demonstrates an outstanding level of  
10 fitness, by scoring at or above eighty-five percent on at least five fitness tests, appropriate  
11 to the student's grade level and physical ability, and administered by the student's school,  
12 the student must be named a Rushmore State Athlete and receive a fitness award  
13 consisting of a year-specific commemorative pin or certificate.

14 The Department of Education shall, by rule promulgated in accordance with chapter  
15 1-26, set forth:

16 (1) The fitness tests to be administered;

17 ~~(2) The time, place, and manner in which the tests must be administered;~~ and

18 ~~(3)(2) The level of fitness to be demonstrated in order for a student to receive a fitness~~  
19 award.

20 Each school district ~~participating in the program~~ shall designate the staff member  
21 responsible for administering the Rushmore State Athlete award within each school.

22 The department may accept and distribute privately donated commemorative pins  
23 for purposes of this Act or provide certificates to students.