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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1196

Introduced by: Representatives Blake, Brunner, Elliott, Feickert, Gibson, Hoffman, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kloucek, Moser, Munsterman, Nelson (Stace), Romkema, Street, and White and Senators Nygaard, Buhl, Cutler, Kraus, Krebs, Sutton, and Tieszen

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the establishment of veterans resource
- 2 centers at certain state colleges and universities.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. Each public institution of higher learning under the control of the Board of 5 Regents shall provide a veterans resource center on campus to serve the needs of student 6 veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide adequate staffing for the veterans 7 resource center and adequate training for veterans resource center staff, essentially equivalent 8 to staffing levels and training provided for county and tribal veterans service officers pursuant 9 to chapter 33-16. Each such institution shall provide adequate space and equipment for a 10 veterans resource center, which shall include office space and space for a meeting and study 11 area. Assistance provided to student veterans by the veterans resource center may include 12 information and assistance relating to the availability of state, federal, local, and private 13 resources for veterans, work-study positions for veterans, orientation sessions for new veteran

students, and other forms of assistance appropriate for the student veteran population.

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1 Section 2. This Act is effective on July 1, 2012.