



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 59

Introduced by: **Senator Wheeler**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Education for grants to**
2 **support career and technical education infrastructure projects.**

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

4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1 to the
5 Department of Education, for the purpose of providing grants to school districts for the
6 construction, addition, and equipping of new or existing area career centers.

7 **Section 2.** The Department of Education shall consider applications and award grants. The
8 department shall give preference to an applicant that:

- 9 (1) Collaborates with another school district in operating an existing area career
10 center, or intends to collaborate with other school districts by establishing a new
11 area career center;
12 (2) Promotes, or intends to promote, postsecondary education and workforce training
13 education in conjunction with secondary education; or
14 (3) Identifies sufficient future local sources of funding for ongoing operating and
15 maintenance costs associated with a new or expanded area career center.

16 The Department of Education may only award a grant to a school district in an amount
17 equal to, or less than, the amount of matching monies that the school district has secured
18 from local sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the project.

19 **Section 3.** The Department of Education shall accept applications for grants provided by this
20 Act from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

21 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
22 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

- 1 **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
- 2 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.