



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 59

SENATE EDUCATION ENGROSSED

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, and to declare**
 3 **an emergency.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
 23 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.

3 **Section 6.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
4 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
5 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.