

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish the jump start scholarship program.

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

Section 1. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

There is hereby established the jump start scholarship program to be administered by the Board of Regents. The purpose of the program is to allow a student who graduates from a public high school in three years or less to receive a scholarship funded with a portion of the money saved by the state in state aid to education funding pursuant to chapter 13-13 as a result of the student's early graduation if the student enrolls at any college, university, or technical school accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that provides instruction from a campus located in South Dakota.

Section 2. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

To be eligible for the jump start scholarship program, a student shall:

- (1) Be a resident of South Dakota;
- (2) Complete the requirements of the recommended high school program as established by the Board of Education pursuant to § 13-1-12.1, and be awarded a high school diploma by a public high school in three years or less;
- (3) Have attended a public high school in South Dakota on a full-time basis for at least two semesters prior to graduating; and
- (4) Within one year of graduating from high school, excluding any time served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, enroll in a college, university, or technical school accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that provides

instruction from a campus located in South Dakota.

No student who enrolls in a high school for all or any part of a fourth year is eligible for the jump start scholarship program.

Section 3. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The amount of the scholarship shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) Multiply the per student allocation as defined in subdivision 13-13-10.1(4) by seventy-five percent; and
- (2) Multiply the result of subdivision (1) by the percentage of the statewide local need as defined in subdivision 13-13-10.1(5) that is paid with funds appropriated for state aid to general education pursuant to chapter 13-13.

One half of the award shall be paid to an approved institution on behalf of any eligible student there enrolled at the beginning of the fall semester, and the other half shall be paid in the same manner at the beginning of the spring semester. A student must be enrolled full-time during the spring semester in order to receive the second installment.

Section 4. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any eligible student seeking to obtain a jump start scholarship shall, by September first of the year following the student's graduation from high school, apply for admission to an approved postsecondary education institution. The institution shall determine the student's initial eligibility, and once the student is admitted into the jump start scholarship program, the executive director of the Board of Regents shall make scholarship payments to the institution on behalf of the student. The approved institutions shall submit to the Board of Regents the names of all eligible students by October first for the first semester and by February twenty-fifth for the second semester, and once

the eligibility of each student is verified, the executive director of the Board of Regents shall distribute the funds necessary to award the scholarship to each eligible student to the approved institutions for the first semester on October fifteenth or the first working day thereafter, and for the second semester on March fifteenth or the first working day thereafter.

Section 5. That chapter 13-55 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The secretary of the Department of Education shall transfer to the executive director of the Board of Regents, on a noncash basis, from funds appropriated for state aid to general education pursuant to chapter 13-13, the amount of money necessary to award the jump start scholarships to all students admitted into the scholarship program for that fiscal year. One-half of the necessary amount shall be transferred by October fifteenth for distribution for the first semester, and one-half of the necessary amount shall be transferred by March fifteenth for distribution for the second semester. Upon receipt, the executive director of the Board of Regents shall distribute the funds pursuant to section 4 of this Act.

Section 6. That chapter 13-13 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The secretary of the Department of Education shall transfer on a noncash basis to the executive director of the Board of Regents the amount of foundation program funds necessary to award jump start scholarships pursuant to this Act to all students admitted into the scholarship program for that fiscal year. One-half of the necessary amount shall be transferred by October fifteenth for distribution for the first semester, and one-half of the necessary amount shall be transferred by March fifteenth for distribution for the second semester.

Section 7. That § 13-13-73 be amended to read as follows:

13-13-73. The secretary of the Department of Education shall compute state aid to education for

each school district under the foundation program according to the following calculations:

- (1) Determine each school district's fall enrollment;
- (2) To arrive at the local need per district:
 - (a) Multiply the per student allocation by the fall enrollment;
 - (b) Multiply the small school adjustment, if applicable, by the fall enrollment; and
 - (c) Add the product of subsection (a) to the product of subsection (b);
- (3) State aid is (a) local need minus local effort, or (b) zero if the calculation in (a) is a negative number;
- (4) If the state aid appropriation for the general support of education is in excess of the entitlement provided for in this section and the entitlement provided for in section 6 of this Act, the excess shall be used to fund any shortfall of the appropriation as provided for in § 13-37-36.3. The secretary shall report to the Governor by January seventh of each year, the amount of state aid necessary to fully fund the general aid formula in the current year. If a shortfall in the state aid appropriation for general education exists that cannot be covered by § 13-37-45, the Governor shall inform the Legislature and provide a proposal to eliminate the shortfall.

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