



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1186

Introduced by: **Representative** Bordeaux

1 **An Act to authorize enrolled tribal members to attend certain institutions of higher**
2 **education without payment of tuition costs.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 13-55 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 Any enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe located wholly or
6 partially in the state may, upon successful admission, attend and pursue any
7 undergraduate course at an institution under the control of the Board of Regents or any
8 course at a technical college, as defined in § 13-39A-1, without the payment of charges
9 for tuition costs, as defined § 13-55E-1. An eligible member is entitled to no less than one
10 or more than four academic years of free tuition under this section.

11 A tuition benefit may not be provided by the state under this section until the
12 eligible member has applied all federal tuition benefits, to which the member may be
13 entitled, towards eligible tuition costs charged by the institution or technical college.
14 Before receiving funds from the state for the tuition costs of any member under this
15 section, the Board of Regents or the technical college shall verify that all federal tuition
16 benefits have been exhausted.