



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 55

Introduced by: **Senator Maher**

1 **An Act to require the Board of Regents to prepare a plan providing for the shared**
 2 **administration of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Black**
 3 **Hills State University.**

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

5 **Section 1.** The Board of Regents shall prepare a plan to provide for the shared administration
 6 of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Black Hills State University. The
 7 board shall present the plan to the Governor and to the Executive Board of the Legislative
 8 Research Council no later than November 15, 2021.

9 **Section 2.** The plan shall include:

- 10 (1) The timeline in which the transition to shared administrative services will take
 11 place;
 12 (2) The specific administrative services that will be combined;
 13 (3) The projected reduction in workforce that will occur and how that reduction will be
 14 achieved;
 15 (4) The projected short-term costs associated with the transition;
 16 (5) The long-term measurable cost savings and financial gains projected to be
 17 achieved through shared administrative services;
 18 (6) The educational enhancements and any other benefits that are likely at each of the
 19 institutions based on the projected long-term measurable cost savings and financial
 20 gains;
 21 (7) Any impact the shared administration will have on existing facilities at either of the
 22 institutions; and
 23 (8) The efforts that will be undertaken to ensure that only administrative services of
 24 the two institutions are shared and that the history, heritage, mission, traditions,
 25 educational offerings, athletic programs, foundation, alumni association, and every
 26 other aspect of each individual institution is maintained.