Southeast Tech Legislative Wrap-up EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board a summary of the legislative actions for the 2015 Legislative Session.

The Technical Institutes had an active year with the Legislature and had several key actions taken. This report will recap those actions and offer a view of our successes and future actions.

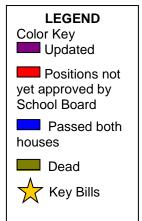
Administrative Recommendation to School Board:

Acknowledge the Legislative Wrap-up report.

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Sioux Falls Legislators

- District 9 Deb Peters, Paula Hawks, Steve Hickey
- District 10 Jenna Haggar, Don Haggar, Steven Haugaard
- District 11 David M Omdahl, Jim Stalzer, Mark Willadsen
- District 12 Blake Curd, Arch Beal, Alex Jensen
- District 13 Phyllis Heineman, Steve Westra, G. Mark Mickelson
- District 14 Deb Soholt, Tom Holmes, Larry Zikmund
- District 15 Angie Buhl, Karen L. Soli, Patrick Kirschman



<u>Senate Bill 43</u> Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education. Jeff Holcomb 367-8355

An Act to revise certain provisions regarding lease purchase agreement payments and to ratify certain lease purchase agreements with the Health and Educational Facilities Authority.

Impact:

This bill clarifies the payment formula for the bonding payment. The State appropriation for bonding is 50% of what the student facility fees have paid. In other words, the students pay two thirds of the payment and the State pays one third. This bill cleans up that language.

Position:

The Institute **supports** this bill. Signed by the Governor

Senate Bill 106 Introduced by: Senator Brown and Representative Dryden

An Act to provide funding for the South Dakota technical institutes.

Impact:

This is a placeholder bill designed to be used later in session to provide additional funding for the technical institutes.

Position:

The Institute recommends **no position Do Pass from Appropriations as amended (\$1). Passed Senate 33-2**

House Bill 1066 Introduced by: Representatives Haggar, Deutsch, Dryden, Klumb, Novstrup (Al), Rounds, Rozum, Sly, Solum, and Stalzer and Senators Tieszen, Brown, Buhl-O'Donnell, Ewing, Heinert, Lederman, Otten (Ernie), Parsley, and Solano Jeff Holcomb 367-8355

An Act to clarify that the required notice requirements related to continuing contracts do not apply to employees of postsecondary institutes.

Impact:

The bill is clarifying the notice procedure for employees of the postsecondary technical institutes. It would not apply to any employees covered under a bargaining agreement.

Status:

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Position:

The Institute **supports** this bill. Signed by Governor

_ House Bill 1072 Introduced by: Representative Munsterman and Senator Vehle

Jeff Holcomb 367-8355

An Act to provide that certain information regarding postsecondary technical institutes be given to parents and guardians of students in middle schools and high schools.

Impact:

This bill would allow the Technical institutes to receive directory information on all students 7-12th grade in South Dakota. The Technical institutes would provide career information on programs provided in South Dakota for awareness purposes.

Position:

The Institute **supports** this bill. Signed by Governor

House Bill 1118 Introduced by: Representatives Mickelson, Bartling, Bolin, Conzet, DiSanto, Dryden, Gosch, Haggar (Don), Hawley, Jensen (Alex), Johns, Langer, Latterell, Otten (Herman), Partridge, Qualm, Romkema, Schoenbeck, Sly, Solum, Stalzer, Tulson, Westra, and Zikmund and Senators Peters, Brown, Heineman (Phyllis), Holien, Lederman, Otten (Ernie), Soholt, Sutton, and White. Jeff Holcomb 367-8355

An Act to provide for oversight of postsecondary technical institutes.

Impact:

The legislation allows a local community to determine the development of a separate Local Education Agency (LEA) with the single purpose of governance for the technical institute of that community. It provides for a petition to be presented to the State Board that oversees the technical institutes for their approval to establish an LEA. Once established all duties, powers and responsibilities for the local technical institute will be turned over to the new LEA from the local school district and the LEA will assume all rights, covenants, and obligations of the school district in connection with lease purchase agreements, subleases, instruments and other agreements related to the technical institute.

It carries two new sections to clarify the LEA will have a nine member board, which once the petition is approved, will be initially appointed by the local school board. Three of the initial board members will carry a one year term, three will carry a two year term, and three will carry a three year term. After the first board is appointed, and they have served the first year, the initial one year term board members will be appointed by the Governor. After the second year, the two year term board members will be appointed by the LEA board itself with input from business and industry and the technical institute president and in the third year, the three year term board members will be appointed.

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The other sections of statutes relating to the creation of an LEA are to be repealed while clarifying the State Board shall continue to have general supervision over the technical institutes. This legislation is a local option and is permissive for a local decision. It will only occur if the local community wants it to occur.

Position:

The Institute **supports** this bill. Signed by Governor

House Joint Resolution No. 1003 Introduced by: Representatives Mickelson, Anderson, Bartling, Beal, Bolin, Brunner, Conzet, DiSanto, Dryden, Duvall, Haggar (Don), Heinemann (Leslie), Hunhoff (Jean), Hunt, Jensen (Alex), Klumb, Langer, Otten (Herman), Partridge, Rozum, Schoenbeck, Sly, Solum, Stalzer, Stevens, Westra, Willadsen, Wink, and Zikmund and Senators Rave, Brown, Haverly, Heineman (Phyllis), Holien, Lederman, Omdahl, Otten (Ernie), Peters, Rampelberg, Soholt, Sutton, and Vehle.

A Joint Resolution, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election an amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating to the authority of the Board of Regents.

Impact:

The resolution establishes the boundaries of the Board of Regents and the Technical Institutes as they exist today. The Technical Institutes would be recognized as separate and distinct from the Board of Regents and governed separately as determined by the Legislature.

Position:

The institute recommends no position on this bill. Delivered to Secretary of State Will be on November 2016 ballot

<u>Senate Bill 55</u> Introduced by The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Bureau of Finance and Management

An Act to revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2015

Impact:

The legislation is a vehicle to adjust the current general appropriation and reallocate funds. In the final hours of the legislature an adjustment was made to allow the technical institutes to retain the appropriation for this year without the reduction for enrollment drop. The distribution of these funds is under debate and will have a letter of intent forth coming. This appropriation is for the current year and we should see these funds before July 1, 2015.

Signed by Governor

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