

Southeast Tech
2020 Legislative Update Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board a Legislative Update Report.

Name Change Approval

With the approval of the South Dakota Legislature, Governor Kristie Noem signed into law HB 1083, allowing the South Dakota Technical Institutes to change their name to Technical Colleges. The name change will be effective on July 1, 2020. The passage of this bill will have a positive impact on South Dakota's Technical Colleges and workforce development efforts throughout the state.

Other updates on legislation potentially impacting technical education include the following:

- SB 142 (Establish restrictions on dual credit program) was amended on 2/24: On page 1, line 12, of the Introduced bill, the following provision was deleted: "Through the dual credit program, a student may only enroll in courses that fulfill general education requirements" and insert " The dual credit program may not be used for remedial courses." The proposed amendment passed the Senate on 2/24. If the bill passes as amended, dual credit funding will not be able to be used for remedial courses. The revision removes the language limiting dual credit to only general education courses. Read complete update here:
https://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?Bill=142&Session=2020
- HB 1069 (Free Tuition for Veterans) passed unanimously in the House and has had its First Reading in the Senate. Read complete update here:
https://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?Bill=1069&Session=2020
- Last weekend Southeast Tech hosted a third Legislative Coffee event on Saturday, February 29. The Sioux Falls Chamber sponsors the event, and League of Women Voters volunteers help facilitate audience questions. The Legislative Coffee events allows community members to ask questions of This week features Districts 10, 14 & 25, and you are welcome to attend.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:

To acknowledge the Legislative Update Report.