

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

Introduced by: Representatives Gosch, Bartling, Gibson, Haggar (Don), Hawley, Langer, Mickelson, Westra, and Wink and Senators Rave, Brown, Frerichs, Heineman (Phyllis), and Lederman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the payment of salary
2 and compensation to legislators.

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

4 Section 1. That § 2-4-2.2 be amended to read as follows:

5 2-4-2.2. The salary or per diem compensation for members of the Legislature serving on
6 legislative committees, boards, or commissions, attending the inauguration of constitutional
7 officers, or attending the Governor's budget report required by § 4-7-9 if the report is given in
8 person by the Governor, is equal to the rate set by subdivision 2-4-2(2).

9 Section 2. That § 2-4-2.3 be amended to read as follows:

10 2-4-2.3. The ~~chair of the executive board of the Legislative Research Council~~ speaker of the
11 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate may authorize the
12 payment of a salary or per diem compensation to a person who has been elected or appointed
13 to the ~~Legislature~~ House of Representatives or Senate, respectively, but has not yet received the
14 oath of office, if the person is required to attend legislative committees, boards, or commissions,



1 or attends the inauguration of constitutional officers, or the Governor's budget report required
2 by § 4-7-9 if the report is given in person by the Governor. The payment shall be equal to the
3 rate set by subdivision 2-4-2(2).

4 Section 3. That § 2-9-4 be amended to read as follows:

5 2-9-4. The executive board shall:

- 6 (1) Instigate research and collect information concerning the government and general
7 welfare of the state;
- 8 (2) Investigate and make recommendations concerning important issues of public policy
9 and questions of statewide interest;
- 10 (3) Prepare a legislative program in the form of bills, or otherwise, as in its opinion the
11 welfare of the state may require, to be presented to the Legislature;
- 12 (4) Cooperate with the administration in devising means of enforcing the law;
- 13 (5) Study, inquire, make recommendations and propose bills in any phase or branch of
14 state government so deemed advisable and necessary;
- 15 (6) Appoint and name committees from the members of the State Legislative Research
16 Council, and assign to such committee or committees appropriate subjects and
17 projects of whatever character and nature the executive board deems advisable. Each
18 member of the council is entitled to membership on one study committee of his
19 choice insofar as practicable;
- 20 (7) Conduct legislative oversight and management analysis of the executive branch of
21 government by means of a selective program of performance auditing and cooperate
22 with the administration in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of
23 administrative methods; ~~and~~
- 24 (8) Review and make recommendations for further legislative action regarding the

1 opinions of state and federal courts which have sought to interpret the intent of South
2 Dakota legislative acts; and

3 (9) Allocate funds to the House of Representatives and the Senate to pay for out-of-state
4 travel and salary or per diem costs incurred by members, and to pay for in-state travel
5 and salary or per diem costs incurred by members, excluding costs associated with
6 any legislative session. The Legislative Research Council shall make payments to
7 representatives for costs and travel approved by the speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, from the funds allocated to the House of Representatives, and shall
9 make payments to senators for costs and travel approved by the president pro
10 tempore of the Senate, from the funds allocated to the Senate. No funds may be paid
11 beyond the amounts allocated to each body.