What does this bill do?

- The bill authorizes the Board of Regents and South Dakota State University to purchase 111.658 acres of improved tillable property in Meade County, which will have a support facility for agricultural research efforts conducted on the property.

Why is this necessary?

- The acquisition of this property replaces research and demonstration land that had previously been rented near Wall, South Dakota.

- Improvements on the property will further assist in research efforts conducted there and will enable research results to more easily be demonstrated to interested parties.

What fund sources will be used to pay for the purchase of property and construction of the facility?

- The property’s purchase will be funded from $502,461 of proceeds from the SDSU Research Park payout received by SDSU in Fiscal Year 2017 and $400,000 from Agricultural Experiment Station fees for services.

- The bill has an emergency clause to allow for acquisition and possession this spring, prior to the growing season.