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## **Active Duty Military Taking Distance Courses Qualify for Reduced Rate**

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Active duty service members enrolled in distance courses offered by all six public universities in South Dakota will soon qualify for a reduced tuition rate. As approved this week by the South Dakota Board of Regents, the new rate is effective beginning in the summer 2018 term.

The new tuition rate is \$250 per credit hour, compared to a regular internet course rate of \$335.

In December, the regents approved a pilot program offered by Dakota State University at Madison for active duty military members taking online courses. The rate was set at \$250 per credit hour to equal a federal tuition assistance benefit for service members, which is capped at \$250 per credit hour.

University officials across the state later recommended setting a consistent statewide tuition rate for active duty military students who take online courses. “Following action on the DSU pilot, finance officers at the six public universities agreed \$250 per credit hour is competitive and recommended it be adopted as the rate for internet-delivered courses throughout the system,” said Monte Kramer, the regents’ system vice president of finance and administration.