

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning and Resource Development

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – G

DATE: March 29-30, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 Legislative Overview

The 2017 South Dakota Legislature ended with Veto Day March 27, 2017. Major legislative achievements this session:

- Six of seven bills filed on behalf of the Board of Regents were enacted. Bills passed were:
 - SB17 – Authorize construction of a natural resources research and support facility at SDSU (with emergency clause)
 - SB18 – Authorize design and renovation of, and an addition to, the Stanley J. Marshall Center at SDSU
 - SB19 – Establish separate funds for BOR grants and contracts, to be treated as informational budgets, which allow for receipt and expenditure of those grant and contract monies
 - HB1008 – Authorize purchase of improved real property on behalf of SDSU
 - HB1009 – Accept land donation from Pennington County for the use and benefit of SDSM&T
 - HB1010 – Authorize construction of a Regional Science Education Center at NSU

- Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, was adopted on the final day of the regular session March 10. Detail about approved budgets can be found in Board agenda items, *FY18 Budget Summary* and *FY17 General Bill Amendments*.

- A quick summary of key legislation this year follows:

**At a Glance: 2017 Legislative Session
Passed and Signed by the Governor:**

- Revises public meeting notice laws to require that a meeting agenda must be posted at least 72 hours (three intervening days) before the meeting starts. The 72-hour requirement does not include the day the agenda is posted, nor Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays. (HB1006)
- Requires state boards, commissions, and departments to post public meeting materials on the state’s Boards and Commissions Portal. (SB116)

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- Revises provisions regarding conflicts of interest for authority, board, or commission members. (HB1170)
- Authorizes purchase of improved real property on behalf of SDSU. (HB1008)
- Accepts transfer of 1.2 acres of land donated by Pennington County for the use and benefit of SDSM&T. (HB1009)
- Authorizes construction of the NSU Regional Science Education Center. (HB1010)
- Authorizes construction of a natural resources research and support facility at SDSU that was destroyed by fire; emergency clause allows construction to be completed in the 2017 building season. (SB17)
- Authorizes design and renovation of, and an addition to, the Stanley J. Marshall Center at SDSU. (SB18)
- Establishes separate funds for BOR grants and contracts, to be treated as informational budgets, which allow for receipt and expenditure of those grant and contract monies. (SB19)
- Provides for the sale of South Dakota School for the Deaf property in Sioux Falls. (HB1210)
- Requires the Government Operations and Audit Committee to provide oversight to the Board of Regents on issues relating to the off-campus university centers. (HB1005)
- Revises methodology for calculating cost-of-living adjustments in the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS); COLA will typically equal the inflation rate, but could be less than inflation when the system cannot remain at 100 percent funded status. (HB1016)
- Adds exclusions to SDRS compensation and creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for false reporting. (HB1017)
- Revises computation of final average compensation benefits for SDRS. (HB1018)
- Grants limited immunity from arrest and prosecution for certain drug-related offenses to persons who are in need of emergency assistance or who assist another person in need of emergency assistance. (HB1082)
- Establishes the South Dakota Board of Technical Education; revises provisions regarding career and technical education and the postsecondary technical institutes. (SB65)
- Revises General Appropriations Act for the current FY17 budget year (SB32)
- FY 18 General Appropriations Act. (SB178)
- Authorizes construction of and improvements to the state's Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory, located on the SDSU campus. (SB172)

Tabled or Deferred to 41st Day (bill is lost):

- Revises provisions to allow BOR to realign general funds among institutions at end of budget year. (SB20)