

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning Session

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – A
DATE: August 3-5, 2021

SUBJECT

Senate Bill 55 Task Force Implementation Planning

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[Senate Bill 55 \(2020 session\)](#)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

A report from the Senate Bill 55 Task Force will be finalized in the coming weeks and already next steps are in process. Information about the task force’s work will be shared to stakeholders, as the Board and its staff begin to implement task force recommendations, with various timelines and target dates.

For example, the academic subcommittee of the Senate Bill 55 Task Force initiated a gap analysis review, utilizing a third-party vendor. This vendor, [Emsi](#), was selected through a request for proposal. Early results from this study are providing valuable information for program development, evaluation of workforce needs, and overall academic policy and planning for the foreseeable future. The Executive Director and staff plan to share the EMSI study results to inform academic and workforce planning going forward.

The Board staff also plans a series of six meetings in September and October, one on each university campus, to discuss findings from the Senate Bill 55 Task Force and its final report. At these meetings, we plan to engage with the campus and local community, as well as legislators, to answer questions and add to the understanding of work undertaken by the task force.

The final report is due to the Governor and the Joint Appropriations Committee no later than November 15, 2021.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Below are the dates confirmed for the Senate Bill 55 Task Force outreach sessions in each campus community; all meetings to be held 7 p.m. local time.

- Thursday, Sept. 23 – South Dakota State University, Brookings
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 – Dakota State University, Madison

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- Wednesday, Sept. 29 – Black Hills State University, Spearfish
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 – South Dakota Mines, Rapid City
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 – Northern State University, Aberdeen
- Thursday, Oct. 14 – University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Further details, and confirmation of meeting locations, will be finalized soon.

ATTACHMENTS

None