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Tech institute tuition to freeze; Southeast Tech expands program

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Education has approved 2016-17 state tuition and fees at the state’s four technical institutes. The overall cost per credit will be \$150. Students will continue to pay \$109 per credit in state tuition, made possible by a tuition buy-down from the state Legislature. State fees consist of maintenance and repair at \$5 per credit, \$1 per credit in technology fees and \$35 per credit in facility fees.

The board also approved a revision to Southeast Technical Institute’s medical coding program. In response to industry demand, STI is adding a one-year medical coding diploma option to its current medical coding associate of applied science degree program. The medical coding diploma curriculum will serve as the common first-year curriculum for the medical coding AAS degree and will prepare graduates for work in clinic settings. Graduates of the diploma program will have the opportunity to go on for an additional year and earn the AAS degree. The AAS degree curriculum will train students for hospital-based facility coding.