



2026 Legislative Session

Navigating the Legislative Process

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Key Session Dates

- First Day – January 13
 - State of the State @ 1:00 pm
- Last day for Introduction of individual bills – February 4
- Last day to pass bills by house of origin – February 24
- Last day for bill to pass both houses – March 9
- Last day of session – March 12
 - Veto day March 30 if needed



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Department of Education Presentations

- Tentative Dates
 - Senate Education committee – January 14
 - House Education committee – TBD
 - Joint Appropriations Committee – February 3



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Legislative Information and Resources

<https://sdlegislature.gov>

A screenshot of the South Dakota Legislature website. The top navigation bar includes links for LEGISLATORS, SESSION, INTERIM, LAWS, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, BUDGET, STUDENTS, REFERENCES, and MYLRC. The main content area is divided into two sections: "SCHEDULE" on the left and "LATEST" on the right. The "SCHEDULE" section lists various legislative events with their dates and locations. The "LATEST" section features a grid of eight buttons: "2026 BILLS", "2026 CALENDAR", "2026 CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEES", "2026 LEGISLATORS", "CODIFIED LAWS", "LEGISLATIVE RULES", "RESOURCES", and "LEGISLATIVE DATA". The bottom right corner of the page also features the South Dakota Department of Education logo.

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2026 Bills Search

- Key Word Suggestions
 - District
 - School
 - Disability
 - Education
 - Special Education



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Committees

- Key Committees
 - Senate Education
 - House Education
 - Appropriations
 - House
 - Senate
 - Joint
 - Health and Human Services



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Legislator Information

Find My Legislators

Counties: Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully

Legislators:

Name	Chamber	Party	Status	Occupation
Mehlhaaff, Jim	Senate	Republican	Incumbent	Retired
Mortenson, Will	House	Republican	Incumbent	Attorney/Cow Hand
Weisgram, Mike	House	Republican	Incumbent	Retired/Business Owner

Prior effective Districts: 29, 27, 26, 26A, 28, 20, 19, 37, 21

Current Districts: 29, 27, 26, 26A, 28, 20, 19, 37, 21

Search in South Dakota

District: 29

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Tracking Information

<https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/>



My LRC+

Session Bills

Add a new Bill List

Name:

ADD

Notify me my bill hearing schedule each legislative day

Notify me when a new version of one of my bills is available

My Bill Lists

2026 - Education
Number of Bills: 6

2026 - General
Number of Bills: 4

2026 - Special Education
Number of Bills: 1

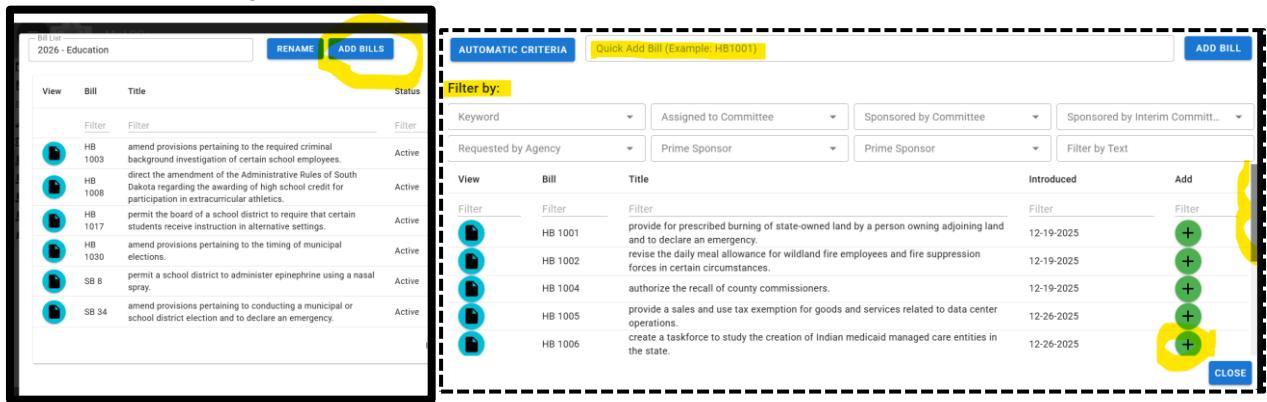
- Tracking Bills will reset each session
- Check notification options
- Set up a Bill List for areas of Interest
 - Add Bills
 - Email Bill List
 - Download List
 - Upcoming Hearings for Tracked Bills



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Add a Bill to Bill List

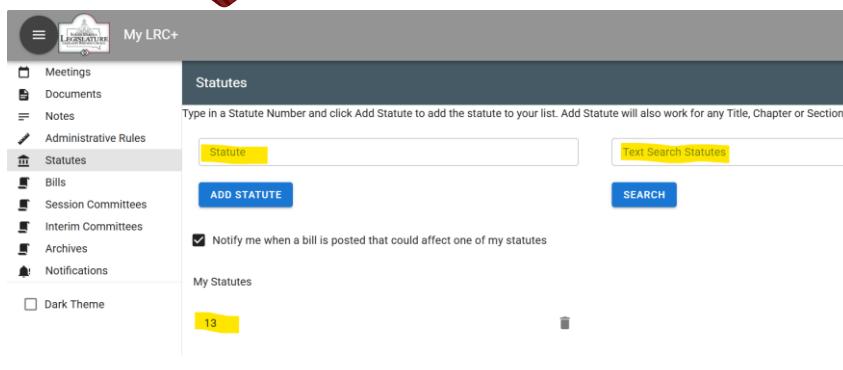


The screenshot shows a 'Bill List' interface for the 2026 - Education session. On the left, a list of bills is displayed with columns for View, Bill, Title, and Status. A yellow box highlights the 'ADD BILLS' button. On the right, a modal window titled 'AUTOMATIC CRITERIA' is open, with a yellow box highlighting the 'Quick Add Bill (Example: HB1001)' input field. The modal also contains a 'Filter by:' section and a table of bills with columns for View, Bill, Title, Introduced, and Add. A yellow box highlights the 'Add' column. The bottom right of the modal has a 'CLOSE' button.



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Tracking Statutes (Codified Law) - SDCL



The screenshot shows the 'SDCL' tracking interface. The left sidebar includes links for Meetings, Documents, Notes, Administrative Rules, Statutes (which is the active tab), Bills, Session Committees, Interim Committees, Archives, Notifications, and Dark Theme. The main content area is titled 'Statutes' and contains a search bar with 'Statute' and 'Text Search Statutes' fields, an 'ADD STATUTE' button, and a checkbox for 'Notify me when a bill is posted that could affect one of my statutes'. Below this is a 'My Statutes' section with a table showing 13 statutes.

- Statute is changed through legislative process
- Based on input from constituents, changes proposed by Departments, legislative platforms....
- Legislator or Legislative Committee must sponsor bill
- Tracking Statute will provide notifications during legislative process



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Tracking Committees

- Caution: Checking Committee Notifications may yield a high number or emails
- Adding to list without notifications will put on your Meetings list and save archived information but not send email notices



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Meetings

- Meetings displays key dates and items you are tracking



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Tracking Administrative Rule - ARSD

- Education Rules are taken by the Department of Education to hearing and approval by the Board of Education Standards
- Rules may be brought based on legislation, federal law, input from stakeholders
- Tracking Rules will provide notification as rules go through that process
- Final step in rule adoption is at Interim Rules Review Committee – otherwise do not go through legislative process



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Overall Notifications



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