

SOUTH DAKOTA School Law Notes



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South Dakota Legislature Passes School District State Aid Bill

The South Dakota Legislature has passed a 2 percent increase in state aid to school districts despite concerns that the measure shifts some costs to local property taxpayers.

Lawmakers sent to Governor Dennis Daugaard the plan to boost the state's per-student allocation to \$4,876.76.

Read more at <http://www.ksfy.com/home/headlines/South-Dakota-legislature-passes-increase-in-state-aid-to-school-districts-296144731.html>

Q: Why can Madonna write off her work clothes, but a South Dakota school administrator probably can't?

A: The tax code allows a deduction for work clothes, but usually only if:

- You wear them as a condition of your employment
- The clothes are not suitable for everyday wear.

Firefighters, health care workers, letter carriers, and law enforcement officers qualify for this deduction. Musicians and entertainers (like Madonna) can also deduct their clothes which aren't suitable for everyday wear.

Unfortunately, most South Dakota school administrators cannot use this tax deduction!





South Dakota's New Juvenile Justice Measure Signed by Governor

Governor Dennis Daugaard has signed a proposal that attempts to shift juvenile offenders toward community-based services and significantly decrease the number committed to the care of the Department of Corrections.

Daugaard says the proposal aims to increase public safety while holding juvenile offenders accountable at a lower cost.

Read more at <http://www.ksfy.com/home/headlines/Gov-Dennis-Daugaard-signs-juvenile-justice-overhaul-measure-296106461.html>



Q: Under what circumstances does a South Dakota high school athlete need to be removed from participation because of concussion symptoms?

A: Under South Dakota law, an athlete must be removed from participation in any athletic activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association at the time the athlete either (1) exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion; or (2) is suspected of sustaining a concussion.

Mike Henderson Joins Swier Law Firm

Swier Law Firm, Prof. LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its nationally recognized legal practice with the addition of Mike Henderson.

Mike will lead the law firm's Appellate Law Practice Group and focus his practice on complex legal research and writing. Mike has extensive experience and has been involved in numerous appeals before the South Dakota Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Mike grew up on what is now a fifth generation family ranch in northwestern South Dakota. He graduated with honors from the University of South Dakota School of Law where he served on the Board of Editors for the South Dakota Law Review. Following law school, Mike served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Roger L. Wollman of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Upon completing his clerkship, Mike joined a Sioux Falls law firm where he practiced for several years.

"Mike Henderson brings a keen analytic mind and an excellent understanding of appellate law to our firm's practice," said Scott Swier. "Mike is one of the foremost appellate attorneys in South Dakota and we are thrilled to welcome a lawyer of his caliber to our law firm."



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