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**OPINION**

## Juvenile Justice Reform Overdue

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has pledged reform in the state's juvenile justice system, and that promise has gotten off to a good start in Pierre.

Last Friday, a proposal that would help decrease the number of juvenile offenders assigned to the state's care passed the Senate State Affairs Committee. The plan, labeled Senate Bill 73, would focus state efforts on the more dangerous offenders and assign those deemed to be lower risk to community-based programs.

All three District 18 legislators — Sen. Bernie Hunhoff and Reps. Mike Stevens and Jean Hunhoff — are among the sponsors of the bipartisan bill. Other area lawmakers are also sponsors.

This reform effort is both essential and long overdue. South Dakota has the second highest rate of juvenile commitment to state programs and facilities in the country. In 2013, seven out of 10 juveniles who fell under the care of the Department of Corrections were assigned there for misdemeanor infractions, probation violations and so-called "status infractions" that would not be considered crimes for adults.

Committing so many juveniles to state system is doing no one any favors, least of all those juveniles who need the opportunities to straighten out their lives before they become legal adults.

Also, assigning so many juveniles to state care is probably putting excessive stress on those programs, which in turn are quite possibly delivering the maximum benefits that they could potentially achieve.

"Though it would be easier to keep doing what we've been doing," Daugaard wrote a few weeks ago, "that would be a disservice to South Dakota — to the taxpayers who fund the correctional system and to the young offenders who need to be rehabilitated."

But Daugaard maintains that his proposal is not simply about shifting much of this caseload to the local level, which will surely be a critical issue to address in this plan as it moves forward. He is suggesting that some offenders could be transferred instead to programs such as teen court, which actually have little to no cost for local governing entities. He has also spoken of assigning some low-risk offenders to treatment programs rather than Department of Corrections (DOC) oversight.

Daugaard's budget proposal for next year calls for \$3.5 million to enact the changes to this system. If these changes can be made and reduce the number of kids in the state systems, it will be money well spent — and represent a good investment in our future.

This bill will no doubt cover a lot of possibilities and tap into some creativity. It was something that was alluded to by local lawmakers earlier this month when discussing a possible "Foster Care Bill of Rights." That's one facet that could be an integral player in this reform plan.

There are a lot of good intentions here, just as there is a lot of need for them. The path toward that end is off to a very promising start.

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Bylined columns represent the view of the author. We welcome letters on current topics. Questions regarding the Views page should be directed to Kelly Hertz at kelly.hertz@yankton.net/.

**ONLINE OPINION**

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

**LATEST RESULTS:**

**Who would you vote for in a hypothetical 2016 president matchup between Job Bush and Hillary Clinton?**

Clinton .....	38%
Bush .....	37%
Neither .....	22%
Not sure .....	3%
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST .....</b>	<b>419</b>

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

**CURRENT QUESTION:**

**Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?**

To cast your vote in the **PRESS & DAKOTAN'S** Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

**IN HISTORY**

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2015. There are 338 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Jan. 27, 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

**On this date:** In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams" opened in New York; it featured the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1965, "Up the Down Staircase," Bel Kaufman's novel about a young, idealistic teacher at a New York inner-city school, was published by Prentice-Hall.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

**Ten years ago:** Condoleezza Rice, in her first day on the job as Secretary of State, reached out by phone to European allies and partners in the war on terrorism and echoed President George W. Bush's inaugural charge to promote liberty across the globe. Frail survivors and

humbled world leaders remembered the victims of the Holocaust as they marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz.

**Five years ago:** Acknowledging that "change has not come fast enough," President Barack Obama vowed in his State of the Union address to get jobless millions back to work while fighting for ambitious overhauls of health care, energy and education. Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad tablet computer during a presentation in San Francisco. J.D. Salinger, the reclusive author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died in Cornish, New Hampshire, at age 91. Actress Zelda Rubinstein died in Los Angeles at age 76.

**One year ago:** Mexico essentially legalized the country's growing "self-defense" groups, reaching an agreement with vigilante leaders to incorporate the armed civilian outfits into old and largely forgotten quasi-military units called the Rural Defense Corps. Folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, 94, died in New York.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor James Cromwell is 75. Actor John Witherspoon is 73. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 69. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 67. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 61. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 60. Country singer Cheryl White is 60. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 60. Actress Mimi Rogers is 59. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actress Susanna Thompson (TV: "Arrow") is 57. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 56. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 54. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 54. Actress Bridget Fonda is 51. Actor Alan Cumming is 50. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 47. Rock singer Mike Patton is 47. Rapper Trickz is 47. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 46. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 46. Actor Josh Randall is 43. Country singer Kevin Denney is 39. Tennis player Marat Safin is 35. Rock musician Matt Sanchez (American Authors) is 29. Actor Braeden Lemasters (TV: "Betrayal"; "Men of a Certain Age") is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him." — Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist (1667-1745).

**FROM THE BIBLE**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



**Pierre Report**

## Ed. Funding Studied

BY REP. JEAN HUNHOFF

R-District 18

This week, the Appropriations Committee heard the Department of Education budget.

The department's budget consists primarily of funds that flow through the department to local school districts in the form of State Aide or federal grants. The total budget for the department is \$645,346,436. Percentage composition of dollars is: 69 percent State Aide, 27 percent grants and pass-throughs and 4 percent agency budget. The governor is recommending an increase of \$10.9 million of general funds, \$2.2 million decrease of federal funds for a total increase of \$8.6 million.

Major increases are \$114,637 for the SD STARS program. This is a software program that is utilized by school districts to collect and manage data regarding assessment, grades, attendance, behavior, etc. Educators analyze much type of data to improve their practices. This was previously supported through federal funds which now are going away. The Dual Credit program is adding \$802,500 due to the increased use by students. This program allows high school students to simultaneously earn credits for both their high school diploma and postsecondary degree or certificate. South Dakota students in grades 11-12 pay \$40 per credit hour. That compares to about \$200 per credit hour at the state's four technical institutes and \$300 per credit at the state's public universities. The state pays \$105/credit to match the \$40 paid by the student. In FY 14, there were 1,077 11th and 12th grade students enrolled in the program.

The governor is proposing to move the funding for Statewide Assessment to the State Aid Formula. The dollar amount is \$1,463,000. The Division of Educational Services and Support which includes: title programs, special education, child and adult nutrition programs and early intervention programs have proposed funding of \$11.6 million. This budget does include a reduction of \$2.3 million of federal funds which have been expended through the ARRA reduction which was the supplemental federal dollars that the state received when the economy was south in 2008. Title I students expected to be served in FY 16 is 43,265 — migrant students: 760, special ed. students from birth through age 21: 19,051

The major discussion is about the transition of technology, assessment and sparsity dollars to the general state aide formula. These dollars historically have been outside the formula. This means that they were not included in the total statewide need formula. These costs were funded by the general fund alone. When the dollars are moved into the formula, the local taxpayer will share in meeting this need with the state. This will result in the Per Student Allocation (PSA) increasing by 2.0 percent rather than the current law of a 1.5 percent increase. Technology, assessment and sparsity equal to \$11.2 million. By moving the three into the formula, this allows to leverage local effort against then previously 100 percent funded state costs. The PSA will move to \$4,876.76. The \$11.2 million will stay within the department and be allocated to the districts just as before this transition. The



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rationale for this transition is that technology and assessment go to all school districts and should be part of the need formula. Sparsity was not included originally in the need formula. However, the small-school factor was included in the need formula even though there are districts that are not of the size to receive any additional small school dollars. Sparsity is no different than small-school factor, so it should be included in the statewide need formula. The proposed Pay 16 levy on owner occupied property will be 0.177 lower than Pay 15. State Aid payment estimated for 2016 enrollment is 132,550 students.

Local effort dollars needed is based on projected evaluations. The Department of Revenue was called to the committee to explain what percentage of growth they were projecting for FY 16. The department took into consideration historical evaluations and trending of economic factors. Assumed growth for pay 2015 was ag at 15 percent, owner-occupied at 5 percent and commercial at 3 percent. Thirty-one percent of general fund allocation is to K-12 education.

On Friday, the committee heard several bills:

- HB1022 authorized issuance of bonds to finance a School of Mines and Technology chemistry/chemical engineering renovation project. This actually was a reduction in the bonding amount due to a reconsideration to remodel rather than build.
- HB1022 authorized the purchase of land by the Board of Regents from the City of Spearfish adjacent to the Black Hills State University campus for enhancement of the campus.
- HB1049 was clean-up legislation to close out the account that had transferred money from the rebate of food taxes for low income individuals to the Feed South Dakotans Program. The dollars have all been expended and expenditure authority needed to be closed.
- HB1042 provided for the construction of offices in Butte and Roberts counties for the Highway Patrol. They have been sharing space with DOT and will be using the governor's houses for their offices.
- HB1057 and HB1060 are bills that provide for recruitment assistance for health care professionals and certain family physicians, dentists, Physicians Assistant's and Nurse Practitioners. These programs have been in place and after three years of service in rural committees individuals are eligible for partial tuition payback or a shared incentive between a community and the state.

All bills passed out of committee.

This week, the committee will be hearing from the Department of Social Services on its budgets.

Just a reminder there will be a Cracker Barrel on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. at the ASHH Pavilion. Please join us for an update of activities in your state Legislature.

If you have issues /concerns, contact rep. JeanHunhoff@state.sd.us/.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Socialist Move?**

Keith Kube, Crofton Neb.

As expected, Nebraska State Sen. Tyson Larson has reintroduced a bill to eliminate the electoral college, LB 112 (previously LB1058). The bill is designed to hasten the push to socialism in our country. Besides being unconstitutional, this bill weakens Nebraska's voice in presidential elections and would have Nebraska joining a group of other states that feel the electoral college system should be scrapped.

It simply says that Nebraska's five electoral college votes will be cast for the winner of the national popular vote for president regardless of the state's presidential choice. That would mean if the majority of Nebraskans voted for a person who lost the national popular vote, our five electoral votes would be given to the national winner. This would typically be the

candidate that large blue states, like New York and California, voted for.

The typical state that supports this issue is liberal with a large dependence upon government funding and very large social welfare and public school systems. They are urban with very large cities and little agriculture in their economy.

If you believe this is NOT how Nebraska should handle their electoral college votes, send an email or letter to Mr. Larson (tlarson@leg.ne.gov). Express your opposition to LB 112 and request that the bill be withdrawn, as Mr. Larson did when he found that the bill was so unpopular with Nebraska voters in the previous legislative session.

This is leadership gone awry. It is an example of not doing the will of the people, but a way for Mr. Larson to engender support from liberals outside of the state for future campaigns.

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