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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1145** - 03/08/2016

**This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.**

Introduced by: Representative Westra and Senator White

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require accredited schools to accept transfer credits for  
2 courses taken by students from other accredited schools during the summer.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 Any school accredited by the Department of Education shall accept transfer credits earned  
6 by a student for any course taken by the student from another school accredited by the  
7 Department of Education outside the regular school term as established pursuant to § 13-26-2.  
8 However, an accredited school is only required to accept the transfer credits if the student  
9 notifies a school administrator of the credits sought prior to taking the course. If the student fails  
10 to provide the advance notice, the school may refuse to accept the credits.

11 Each school district shall establish a policy for accepting transfer credits pursuant to this  
12 Act. If, upon review of the coursework for which transfer credit is sought, a school determines  
13 that the course rigor is not sufficient to meet the graduation requirements established by the  
14 Board of Education pursuant to § 13-1-12.1 or by the school, the transfer credits earned by the  
15 student for the course will count as elective credits, but the course will not count as a course



1 required for graduation. If the school accepting the transfer credits determines that the credits  
2 do not meet graduation requirements, the school shall notify the student in writing to explain  
3 the reason for that determination and to cite the provisions of formally adopted school policy  
4 that apply. The school shall also provide notice to the Board of Education that accredited  
5 schools are not offering accredited courses.