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HOUSE BILL NO. 1243

Introduced by: Representatives May, Campbell, Greenfield, Nelson, Olson (Betty), and Stalzer and Senator Jensen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to supplant the Common Core Standards.

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

3 Section 1. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to
6 implement academic content standards to prepare students for college and career readiness. The
7 academic content standards shall meet benchmarks for admission to college, postsecondary
8 technical education, or a career. The academic content standards in the benchmarks shall align
9 with postsecondary educational expectations, entry into a career, or both. The academic content
10 standards shall be used to supplant the Common Core State Standards and to the extent
11 necessary to maintain eligibility to receive the flexibility waiver under 20 U.S.C. § 7861 as in
12 effect January 1, 2014.

13 Section 2. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 To determine the appropriate academic content standards that are in the best interests of the



1 students, the South Dakota Board of Education shall:

2 (1) Compare the academic content standards that the state used before the
3 implementation of the Common Core State Standards with the Common Core State
4 Standards;

5 (2) Compare the academic content standards used in other states such as Indiana that
6 have rejected the Common Core State Standards with the Common Core State
7 Standards; and

8 (3) Consider best practices in developing and adopting academic content standards
9 seeking information from subject area teachers and subject area professors at the
10 institutions under the control of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

11 Section 3. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 The secretary of the Department of Education shall evaluate the cost to the state associated
14 with implementing the Smarter Balanced assessment by the schools in the state and in
15 consultation with the Bureau of Finance and Management shall report to the Legislature the
16 fiscal impact to the state if the South Dakota Board of Education fully implements the Common
17 Core State Standards or discontinues the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

18 Section 4. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
19 follows:

20 The South Dakota Board of Education or the secretary of the Department of Education may
21 not enter into or renew an agreement with any organization, entity, group, or consortium that
22 requires the state to cede any measure of autonomy or control of academic content standards and
23 assessments including cut scores.