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SENATE BILL NO. 129

Introduced by: Senators Jensen, Begalka, Krebs, Lederman, Monroe, Omdahl, and Rampelberg and Representatives May, Bolin, Campbell, Haggar (Don), Haggar (Jenna), Kaiser, Kopp, Latterell, Nelson, Olson (Betty), Russell, Schaefer, Stalzer, and Steele

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to supplant the Common Core State 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 20U.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:



1 To determine the appropriate academic content standards that are in the best interests of the
2 students, the South Dakota Board of Education shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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