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SENATE BILL NO. 164

Introduced by: Senators Ahlers, Bradford, Brown, and Merchant and Representatives Lucas, Kirkeby, and Krebs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the Board of Regents to prepare a plan for the
2 establishment of a community college system in South Dakota.

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

4 Section 1. The Board of Regents shall prepare a plan providing for the establishment of a
5 community college system in South Dakota, and shall present that plan to the Governor and to
6 the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council no later than November 1, 2012.

7 The plan shall provide for a system of community colleges with an emphasis on liberal arts
8 and vocational education that is part of a unified system of higher education in South Dakota.

9 Under the terms of the plan, the community colleges within the system shall provide the
10 following education programs:

11 (1) Two-year college transfer programs that allow students to continue their education
12 at other institutions of higher education;

13 (2) Two-year general education programs; and

14 (3) Other appropriate educational programs and services as determined by the Board of
15 Regents.



1 The plan prepared by the board shall include recommendations on the number of community
2 colleges needed, where the community colleges should be located, any possible funding sources
3 for the establishment of community colleges, and any other recommendation at the discretion
4 of the board.