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SENATE BILL NO. 164

Introduced by: Senators Tidemann, Brown, Haverly, Heineman, Juhnke, Olson (Russell), and Rhoden and Representatives Hansen (Jon), Blake, Brunner, Deelstra, Dryden, Fargen, Haggar, Hawley, Hickey, Hunhoff (Bernie), Munsterman, Perry, Stricherz, Turbiville, Wick, Wink, and Wismer

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require public school students in grade eleven to take
2 certain assessments.

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

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

6 Except as otherwise provided by law, each public school student in grade eleven shall:

- 7 (1) Take the test produced by ACT, Incorporated, including the ACT writing test; or
8 (2) Take three WorkKeys assessments produced by ACT, Incorporated, that measure
9 workplace skills and are approved by the secretary of education.

10 Each student required to take an assessment pursuant to this section shall choose which one
11 of the assessment options to take, and the Department of Education is responsible for the cost
12 of procuring and administering any assessment required pursuant to this section.

13 A school superintendent may exempt a student from the requirement in this section if taking
14 such an assessment is not required by the student's individualized education plan or if other



1 special circumstances exist.

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

4 Once a student has taken the assessment required in section 1 of this Act, the student's career
5 advisor or guidance counselor shall meet with the student to review the student's assessment
6 results.

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

9 Each school superintendent shall, at a time and in a manner determined by the Department
10 of Education, report to the Department of Education the number of eleventh grade students who
11 took the ACT test, including the ACT writing test; the number of eleventh grade students who
12 took the three WorkKeys assessments; the number of eleventh grade students who were
13 exempted from the requirement in section 1 of this Act; and the reason why each of the
14 exemptions was granted.