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HOUSE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **SB 188** 3/7/2019

Introduced by: The Committee on Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding state tests.

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

3 Section 1. That § 13-3-55 be amended to read:

4 13-3-55. Every public school district shall ~~annually administer the same assessment tests in~~
5 algebra I, general science, and English III to all students ~~in grades three to eight, inclusive, and~~
6 ~~in grade eleven~~ once in high school. Tests in English language arts and mathematics shall be
7 administered to all students in grades three to eight, inclusive. Tests in science shall be
8 administered to students once in grades three to five and once in grades six to eight. The same
9 tests shall be administered to all students, except students with the most severe cognitive
10 disabilities. The ~~assessment tests~~ shall measure the academic progress of each student. ~~Every~~
11 ~~public school district shall annually administer to all students in at least two grade levels an~~
12 ~~achievement test to assess writing skills. The assessment instruments shall be provided by the~~
13 ~~Department of Education, and the department shall determine the two grade levels to be tested.~~
14 ~~The tests shall be administered within timelines established by the Department of Education by~~
15 ~~rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26 starting in the spring of the 2002-2003 school year.~~



1 Each state-designed test shall be correlated with the state's content standards. ~~The South Dakota~~
2 ~~Board of Education Standards may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for~~
3 ~~administration of all assessments.~~ The Department of Education shall provide the tests to every
4 public school district at no cost. The results of the tests may not be used in teacher evaluations.