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SENATE BILL NO. 62

Introduced by: Senators Otten (Ernie), Begalka, Brown, Krebs, Novstrup (Al), Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Soholt, Tieszen, and Van Gerpen and Representatives Sly, Cronin, Kaiser, Lust, Mickelson, Otten (Herman), and Westra

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a comprehensive evaluation of the common
2 core state standards and to make an appropriation therefor.

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 Terms used in this Act mean:

- 7 (1) "Common core state standards," the common core content standards in math and
8 English language arts adopted by the South Dakota Board of Education in November
9 of 2010;
- 10 (2) "DakotaSTEP assessment," the statewide assessment last administered in South
11 Dakota in the spring of 2013;
- 12 (3) "Smarter balanced assessment," the assessment developed by the Smarter Balanced
13 state-led consortium developing assessments aligned to the common core state
14 standards.



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

3 There is hereby established the South Dakota Common Core State Standards Evaluation
4 Council. The council shall evaluate the following topics regarding the common core state
5 standards:

- 6 (1) Comparison of the substance of previous South Dakota math and English language
7 arts content standards to the common core state standards;
- 8 (2) Comparison of the Smarter Balanced assessment to the DakotaSTEP assessment; and
- 9 (3) Comparison of the fiscal impact of fully implementing the common core state
10 standards to alternative standards.

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

13 The South Dakota Common Core State Standards Evaluation Council established in section
14 2 of this Act shall consist of the following members:

- 15 (1) Three members of the Senate, including at least one member of each political party,
16 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 17 (2) Three members of the House of Representatives, including a member of each
18 political party, appointed by the speaker of the House;
- 19 (3) The secretary of the Department of Education;
- 20 (4) Four school administrators, appointed by the Governor;
- 21 (5) Three teachers, appointed by the Governor;
- 22 (7) One school board member, appointed by the Governor;
- 23 (8) One member of the Board of Regents, selected by the board;
- 24 (9) One representative of the postsecondary technical institutes, selected by the

1 presidents of the respective institutions;

2 (10) One representative selected by the School Administrators of South Dakota;

3 (11) One representative selected by the South Dakota Education Association;

4 (12) One representative selected by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota;

5 (13) Three parents of current public elementary or secondary education students, one
6 parent of a current student excused from compulsory attendance for alternative
7 instruction pursuant to § 13-27-3, and one parent of a current private school student,
8 all appointed by the Governor.

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

11 The Department of Education, state Board of Education, and Bureau of Finance and
12 Management shall, no later than July 1, 2015, provide reports to the council regarding the topics
13 referenced in section 2 of this Act. In addition, before issuing the findings referenced in this
14 section, the council shall hold at least three public meetings and take public testimony regarding
15 these topics. At least one public meeting shall be held in each of the following cities: Pierre,
16 Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. The council shall report its findings to the Legislature and the
17 Governor no later than December 1, 2015.

18 Section 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of one hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of
20 Education to fund the South Dakota Common Core State Standards Evaluation Council and
21 related costs.

22 Section 6. The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
23 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

24 Section 7. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by

1 January 1, 2016, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.