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HOUSE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1186** - 1/22/2008

Introduced by: Representatives Weems, Buckingham, Dennert, Dreyer, Faehn, Feinstein, Gilson, Hackl, Heineman, Hills, Juhnke, Krebs, Lucas, Noem, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Olson (Russell), Pederson (Gordon), Peters, Pitts, Rausch, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Greenfield, Albers, Dempster, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Hanson (Gary), Maher, McNenny, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), and Smidt (Orville)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the eligibility requirements for the opportunity
2 scholarship by allowing a student to take the ACT or SAT test after graduating from high
3 school.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-55-31 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-55-31. In order to be eligible for a South Dakota opportunity scholarship award, a student
7 shall:

8 (1) Be a resident of South Dakota at the time of graduation from high school;

9 (2) Have a composite score of 24, or higher, on the test administered by the American
10 College Testing Program or a verbal-mathematics score of 1070-1100, on the
11 Scholastic Assessment Test ~~and the ACT or SAT test shall be taken before the~~
12 ~~student graduates from high school.~~ The student shall take the ACT or SAT test



before beginning postsecondary education;

(3) Meet the high school course requirements as provided in Board of Regents Policy Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on January 1, 2003;

(4) Attend a university, college, or technical school that is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and that provides instruction from a campus located in South Dakota; and

(5) Enter into the program within five years of graduation from high school or within one year of the student's release from active duty with an active component of the armed forces if the release is within five years of the student's graduation from high school.

If a student attends full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school located outside South Dakota and within two years following high school graduation or within two years following release from active military service returns to the state to attend full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school, the student is eligible to receive a partial award.

A student is eligible to participate in the South Dakota opportunity scholarship program for the equivalent of four academic years (eight consecutive spring and fall terms) or until the attainment of a baccalaureate or technical degree, whichever comes first. However, the executive director of the Board of Regents may grant exceptions to the continuous enrollment requirements for good cause shown.

A student who would have been eligible for the scholarship, but who applies after completing one or more semesters of full-time work at an accredited institution, may be admitted to the program only if the student has complied with the same grade point and credit hour requirements that would apply to program participants. Admission granted under these circumstances may not be retroactive, and eligibility for participation in the program shall be

- 1 reduced by one semester for each semester of work completed prior to admission to the
- 2 program.