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HOUSE BILL NO. 1105

Introduced by: Representatives Kirkeby, Brunner, Cutler, Frerichs, Gibson, Gosch, Hoffman, Jensen, Kopp, Krebs, Lederman, Moser, Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Rave, Sly, Turbiville, Vanderlinde, and Verchio and Senators Adelstein, Abdallah, Bradford, Gant, Haverly, Kloucek, Maher, and Schmidt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require public high school students to perform acts of
2 volunteerism in order to receive a high school diploma.

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

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

6 It is a policy of the State of South Dakota to require students attending public high schools
7 to perform acts of volunteerism in order to receive a high school diploma.

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

10 Any public high school accredited by the South Dakota Board of Education shall require its
11 students to perform acts of volunteerism in order to receive a high school diploma. Within each
12 school year, a student shall spend at least three hours performing acts of volunteerism. The
13 person or group receiving benefit from the student's volunteerism shall document in writing the
14 student's activities and the number of hours the student spent performing the volunteerism, and



1 the student shall submit that documentation to the school for verification. In order to meet the
2 requirements of this Act, a public high school student shall offer the student's time, energy, and
3 talent without seeking financial or material gain to provide assistance to the student's
4 community, to any individual or group in need within the student's community, or to any
5 nonprofit charitable or religious organization. No public high school may issue a high school
6 diploma to any student who fails to meet the requirements of this Act.