

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

Introduced by: Representatives Kirkeby, Kopp, Lederman, Olson (Betty), and Verchio and
Senators Maher and Schmidt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the Board of Regents to prepare a plan to close
2 one of the postsecondary educational institutions under its control.

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

4 Section 1. The Board of Regents shall prepare a plan providing for the closure of one of the
5 postsecondary educational institutions under its control, and shall present that plan to the
6 Governor and to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council no later than
7 November 15, 2009. The plan shall include:

- 8 (1) The institution targeted for closure, the rationale behind the decision to close that
9 particular institution, and the timelines necessary to carry out the closure;
- 10 (2) An analysis of how the unique academic programs currently offered at that institution
11 might be divided among the remaining postsecondary educational institutions;
- 12 (3) An analysis of the economic impact the closure would have on the city or geographic
13 region where the institution is located; and
- 14 (4) Strategies the Board of Regents will undertake to encourage current students at that
15 institution to remain in South Dakota to complete their higher education.

