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HOUSE BILL NO. 1247

Introduced by: Representatives Sly, Brunner, Conzet, Gosch, Killer, Kirkeby, Lust, McLaughlin, and Peters and Senators Bradford, Abdallah, and Adelstein

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the establishment of school administration
2 regions and to provide for the sharing of certain school administrators and school service
3 specialists among school districts.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The regional school administration program is hereby established. Under the program, the
8 secretary of education shall divide the state geographically into school administration regions.
9 Each school administration region shall, to the extent possible, include school districts with a
10 combined fall enrollment as defined in § 13-13-10.1 of one thousand students or more.
11 However, the secretary may divide sparsely populated areas of the state into school
12 administration regions that include a combined fall enrollment of less than one thousand
13 students as necessary. The secretary shall assign each school district to a school administration
14 region. If, however, any school district's fall enrollment equals or exceeds one thousand
15 students, that school district is exempt from the requirements of this Act and may not be placed



1 in a school administration region.

2 Section 2. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
3 follows:

4 Each school administration region shall be governed by a school administration region board
5 consisting of one school board member from each school district in the region. The school board
6 of each school district in the region shall appoint its representative on the school administration
7 region board, and each school district in the region shall be equally represented on the school
8 administration region board.

9 Section 3. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
10 follows:

11 Each school administration region board, as established in section 2 of this Act, shall hire
12 the administrative personnel necessary to collectively serve all the school districts in the school
13 administration region. For the purposes of this Act, administrative personnel includes
14 superintendents, assistant superintendents, business managers, and other management level
15 employees, but it does not include principals, vice-principals, and others who manage specific
16 buildings within a school district.

17 Each school administration region board may also hire school service specialists. For the
18 purposes of this Act, school service specialists include curriculum directors, technology
19 coordinators, speech pathologists, directors of special education, and others who provide
20 services within a school district.

21 Section 4. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
22 follows:

23 The Department of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish
24 the school administration regions, to establish procedures relative to the employment of the

1 personnel to serve the school administration regions, and to delineate duties and responsibilities
2 of shared personnel.

3 Section 5. This Act is effective on July 1, 2011.