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SENATE BILL NO. 133

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Office of the
Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding shared services
2 provided by the state to school districts, the sharing of services of school district employees,
3 the classroom innovation grant program, and educator mentoring and certification
4 reciprocity.

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

6 Section 1. That § 13-1-23 be amended to read:

7 13-1-23. The secretary of education shall accept and distribute in accord with law and in a
8 fair and equitable manner any commodities, moneys, goods, and services which may be made
9 available from the state or federal government or from other sources. The goods and services
10 may include items the state negotiates for centrally and provides to any school district on a
11 voluntary basis at no cost or reduced cost. The secretary may also contract with any school
12 district or other entity to provide services to school districts throughout the state.

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

14 There is hereby established in the Department of Education a shared employee services grant
15 program. The purpose of the grant program is to provide an incentive for school districts to



1 share an employee pursuant to § 13-15-1.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall
2 promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, regarding the application process and timelines, the
3 guidelines and criteria for eligibility and approval of applications, and the distribution of funds
4 from the shared employee services grant program, not to exceed the amount appropriated by the
5 Legislature for this program.

6 Section 3. That § 13-14-15 be amended to read:

7 13-14-15. There is hereby established in the Department of Education a classroom
8 innovation grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding for ~~classroom~~
9 ~~innovation to allow classroom teachers to utilize technology in creative and innovative ways to~~
10 ~~enhance the learning and achievement of their students. Applications for the innovation grants~~
11 ~~may be submitted by individual teachers, school districts, or education service agencies~~
12 ~~established pursuant to § 13-3-76~~ developing teacher training and classroom access to virtual
13 education and customized learning tools and to expand course offerings, enhance recruitment,
14 and increase retention of qualified instructors and facilitators through the Center for Statewide
15 E-learning at Northern State University.

16 Section 4. That § 13-42-3 be amended to read:

17 13-42-3. The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter
18 1-26, ~~establishing~~ to establish the requirements and criteria that an applicant shall meet in order
19 to be issued a certificate by the secretary as a teacher, administrator, or other educational
20 professional authorizing the holder of the certificate to accept a position in any elementary or
21 secondary school in the grades and fields specified by the certificate. The rules shall specify the
22 duration and the method of renewal or reinstatement, the amount of the fee for issuing the
23 certificate, the application procedures and documentation requirements for certificates, the
24 endorsements to certificates, the requirements for certification, the procedures for denial or

1 nonrenewal of a certificate and disciplinary proceedings and assessment of costs, the procedures
2 for processing applications and issuing certificates for military spouses, the procedures for
3 granting reciprocity for any teacher who is certified to teach in another state and has completed
4 an accredited teacher education program, and other procedures necessary for the administration
5 of certification.

6 In addition to teacher certificate renewal based on academic coursework, the rules for
7 teacher certificate renewal shall include guidelines and criteria by which an applicant may
8 receive credit toward renewal based on private or public sector experience that was not obtained
9 through academic coursework if the experience is related to the applicant's teaching field. Any
10 change to a rule promulgated pursuant to this section which increases the educational
11 requirements that an applicant shall meet to qualify for a certificate shall be preceded by at least
12 two years' notice before the effective date of the change. The two-year notice requirement does
13 not apply to an increase in the application fee, which increase shall comply with §§ 1-26-4.8 and
14 1-26-6.9.

15 Section 5. That § 13-43-55.1 be amended to read:

16 13-43-55.1. There is hereby created a program to provide for ~~mentor teachers in South~~
17 ~~Dakota school districts which elect to participate~~ the mentoring of teachers new to the
18 profession in South Dakota school districts. The program shall provide a new teacher access to
19 a mentor teacher for a period of two years and participation in a summer workshop program
20 following the first year of employment. The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate
21 rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish duties and qualifications for teachers to be
22 designated as mentor teachers. Participation in the program is discretionary with each school
23 district according to a mentor teacher plan adopted by the school board for the school district.