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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 69** - 02/22/2016

Introduced by: Senators Peters, Buhl O'Donnell, Ewing, Fiegen, Haverly, Monroe, Novstrup (David), Shorma, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Deutsch, Bartling, Bolin, Cronin, Dryden, Gibson, Jensen (Alex), Novstrup (Al), Rasmussen, Wiik, and Wollmann

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require accredited schools to accept transfer credits for  
2 courses taken by students from other accredited schools during the summer and to declare  
3 an emergency.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

6 Any school accredited by the Department of Education shall accept transfer credits earned  
7 by a student for any course taken by the student from another school accredited by the  
8 Department of Education outside the regular school term as established pursuant to § 13-26-2.  
9 However, an accredited school is only required to accept the transfer credits if the student  
10 notifies a school administrator of the credits sought prior to taking the course. If the student fails  
11 to provide the advance notice, the school may refuse to accept the credits. If the school  
12 accepting the transfer credits determines that the credits do not meet the graduation requirements  
13 established by the Board of Education pursuant to § 13-1-12.1 or by the school, the school shall  
14 notify the student in writing to explain the reason for that determination and to cite the



1 provisions of formally adopted school policy that apply.

2 Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its

3 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in

4 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.