

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 24

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to state assessments.

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

3 Section 1. That § 13-3-55 be amended to read:

4 13-3-55. Every public school ~~district~~ shall ~~annually~~ administer ~~the same assessment~~  
5 assessments in English language arts, mathematics, and science. The assessments in English  
6 language arts and mathematics shall be administered to all students in grades three to eight,  
7 inclusive, and ~~in grade eleven~~ once in high school. The assessments in science shall be  
8 administered to students once in grades three to five, once in grades six to eight, and once in  
9 high school. The ~~assessment~~ assessments shall measure the academic progress of each student.  
10 ~~Every public school district shall annually administer to all students in at least two grade levels~~  
11 ~~an achievement test to assess writing skills. The ~~assessment instruments~~ assessments shall be~~  
12 ~~provided by the Department of Education, and the department shall determine the two grade~~  
13 ~~levels to be tested. The tests shall be~~ and administered within timelines established by the  
14 ~~Department of Education by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26 starting in the spring~~  
15 ~~of the 2002-2003 school year~~ department. Each ~~state-designed test~~ assessment shall be



1 correlated with the state's content standards. The same assessments shall be administered to all  
2 students, except students with the most severe cognitive disabilities. The South Dakota Board  
3 of Education Standards may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to provide for the  
4 administration of ~~all~~ assessments.