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HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ENGROSSED

NO. **HB1240** - 2/14/97

Introduced by: Representatives Roe and Smidt and Senator Brown (Arnold)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require students of state-supported postsecondary
2 institutions to have health insurance coverage.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-39 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 As a condition of admission, any student taking eight or more credit hours at a postsecondary
7 vocational-technical institute under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education, or
8 state-supported institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, shall either purchase
9 the health care insurance available through the institution or produce documentation of coverage
10 under another health care plan. If the student is covered under another health care plan, the other
11 plan shall meet or exceed the benefit limits of the plan available through the institution. As a
12 condition of continued enrollment, the student shall maintain health insurance coverage as
13 required by this section during any period of enrollment.

14 Section 2. That chapter 13-49 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
15 follows:

1 As a condition of admission, any student taking eight or more credit hours at a postsecondary
2 vocational-technical institute under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education, or
3 state-supported institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents, shall either purchase
4 the health care insurance available through the institution or produce documentation of coverage
5 under another health care plan. If the student is covered under another health care plan, the other
6 plan shall meet or exceed the benefit limits of the plan available through the institution. As a
7 condition of continued enrollment, the student shall maintain health insurance coverage as
8 required by this section during any period of enrollment.

9 Section 3. That chapter 28-13 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
10 follows:

11 Any student taking eight or more credit hours in a postsecondary vocational-technical
12 institute under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Education or state-supported
13 institution under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents is not eligible for county poor relief
14 unless the student has met the requirements of section 1 of this Act.

15 Section 4. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act do not apply to any person who has
16 been rejected by at least two health insurers for coverage substantially similar to the health care
17 insurance available through the institution without material underwriting restriction at a rate
18 equal to or less than the rate for the health care insurance available through the institution.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/3/97 First read in House and referred to Commerce. H.J. 263

3 2/13/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 2/13/97 Commerce Do Pass Amended, AYES 9, NAYS 4. H.J. 462