

State of South Dakota

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SENATE BILL NO. 226

Introduced by: Senators Paisley, Hunhoff, and Morford-Burg and Representatives Roe, Brown (Richard), Fiegen, Haley, Lockner, Van Gerpen, Waltman, and Weber

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for an interim study of the impact of gaming in
2 South Dakota.

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

4 Section 1. During the 1997 legislative interim, the Executive Board of the Legislative
5 Research Council shall conduct an interim study of the social, economic, political, and cultural
6 impacts of video gaming, casino gaming, and lotteries as currently practiced in this State. The
7 committee shall devote special attention to the following:

- 8 (1) What is the relationship between the benefits of gaming to the State and its
9 communities, including the city of Deadwood and the nine tribes, the benefits to the
10 segments of private industry and business involved in state gaming, the social and
11 economic damages to problem gamblers and their families, and societal costs as
12 measured in the increased demand for social services whether provided by private
13 charities or public welfare institutions;
- 14 (2) What is the degree to which gaming fosters criminal activity, including juvenile crime;
- 15 (3) What relationship does the concentration of casino gaming in the city of Deadwood

1 and on the nine tribal reservations bear to the equitable distribution of both the
2 benefits and detriments of gaming as a statewide phenomenon; and

3 (4) What impact might the abolition or reduction of gaming activities have on the State
4 and its communities, including the city of Deadwood and the nine tribes, private
5 industry and business involved in gaming activities, and all South Dakotans, but
6 problem gamblers and their families in particular, and how might any adverse impacts
7 be mitigated or resolved.

8 Section 2. In conducting this study, the committee may work with similar federal, state, or
9 private initiatives to the extent that such other studies may reflect the South Dakota experience.
10 The committee shall solicit the testimony of a broad spectrum of governmental, tribal, municipal,
11 business, and private experiences and may utilize any available funding to bring in appropriate
12 professional expertise.