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HOUSE BILL NO. 1255

Introduced by: Representatives Smidt, Clark, Cutler, Duenwald, Eccarius, Engbrecht, McCoy, Napoli, Richter, and Roe and Senators Ham, Brown (Arnold), Everist, Halverson, and Lawler

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create the South Dakota Science and Technology
2 Council.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby created the South Dakota Science and Technology Council. The
5 purpose of the council is to enable the private sector, the academic sector, and state government
6 to work together in advancing the state's technological future. The Council shall be comprised
7 of thirteen members. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members of the
8 Senate, one from each political party; the Speaker of the House shall appoint two members from
9 the House of Representatives, one from each political party; the commissioner of the Governor's
10 Office of Economic Development shall serve ex officio; the South Dakota Board of Regents shall
11 appoint four members to represent the academic sector; and the South Dakota Chamber of
12 Commerce and Industry shall appoint four members to represent the private sector. The members
13 shall serve for two years. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the original appointing
14 authority for the remainder of the term.

15 Section 2. The South Dakota Science and Technology Council shall chose a chair from its
16 members. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair.

1 Section 3. The South Dakota Science and Technology Council shall employ an executive
2 director funded through an existing grant. The council shall develop a plan for fiscal stability
3 during the first year.

4 Section 4. The council's mission is as follows:

- 5 (1) Identify major opportunities for development of the state science and technology
6 enterprise and to coordinate the implementation thereof;
- 7 (2) Facilitate technology transfer from the academic to private sector;
- 8 (3) Serve as a resource for public and private organizations within the state in their efforts
9 to develop science and technology initiatives; and
- 10 (4) Serve as a voice for science and technology both within the state and at the federal
11 level.