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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1266

Introduced by: Representatives Gillespie, Broderick, Brown (Richard), Burg, Hanson (Gary), Holbeck, Kooistra, Nesselhuf, and Olson (Mel) and Senators Hutmacher, Albers, Moore, Reedy, and Sutton (Dan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to allow a day started late due to inclement weather to  
2 constitute a full school day.

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

4 Section 1. That § 13-26-2 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-26-2. The school board or governing body shall operate grades one through twelve in its  
6 schools for at least a nine-month regular term in any one school year. The regular school term  
7 may be conducted on a year-round basis and shall begin on a date established by the school  
8 board. The Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 governing the  
9 operation and scheduling of year-round schools. Any school board or governing body may  
10 release graduating high school seniors from school before the end of the regular term if the  
11 release is for no more than three school days. Make up time for school closing because of  
12 weather, disease, or emergency need not exceed ten school days. Graduating seniors are excused  
13 from make up time if the make up time occurs after the students have graduated or after  
14 graduation exercises have been held. If classes have been convened and then are dismissed, or

1 if classes convene at a time later in the day than normal, because of inclement weather, that day  
2 constitutes a school day in session equal to the number of hours planned for that day as  
3 established in the local school district calendar for the year.

4 School boards are encouraged to provide time within the regular school term for curriculum  
5 and staff development which shall be in addition to the time required in this section. Each school  
6 board shall determine the appropriate amount of time for this activity and how best to use the  
7 time based on local needs for program development, increased parent participation, student  
8 contact, teachers' preparation, or other needs of the schools in the district. School shall be in  
9 session only when classes are held and as provided in §§ 13-26-4 and 13-26-4.1. A school board  
10 may operate a special term during the summer months.