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SENATE BILL NO. 6

Introduced by: Senators Moore, Ham, McIntyre, and Sutton (Dan) and Representatives Broderick, Bradford, Gillespie, Holbeck, McCoy, Solum, and Teupel at the request of the Interim Teacher Credentialing and Compensation Committee

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for counselors in schools.

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

3 Section 1. The Legislature finds that it is in the best interest of South Dakota school children
4 that local school districts employ school counselors to provide counseling services to students.

5 Section 2. Any public or private school system shall provide counseling services for all
6 students. The system shall employ a minimum of one counselor for every four hundred fifty
7 students. School districts may cooperate to provide counseling services to meet prescribed
8 counselor to student ratios.

9 Section 3. School districts receiving state aid to education pursuant to chapter 13-13 shall
10 be reimbursed by the general state aid formula at a rate of thirty dollars per student, up to one
11 thousand five hundred students, for counselors and counseling services.

12 Section 4. The secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall
13 promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to specify levels or ratios of counselor services,
14 qualifications of counselors, reimbursement procedures, and other provisions of this Act.

