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SENATE BILL NO. 118

Introduced by: Senators Moore, Ham, and Kooistra and Representatives Michels, Hunhoff, Murschel, and Van Gerpen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for certified 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, who are certified in accordance with the
5 certification requirements of the South Dakota Board of Education, to provide counseling
6 services to students.

7 Section 2. Every school district shall provide counseling services to all public school students
8 in the district. Each district shall employ no less than one certified counselor for every four
9 hundred fifty students. School districts may cooperate to provide counseling services to meet the
10 minimum requirements.

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

14 Section 4. The secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall
15 promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to specify levels or ratios of certified counselor



1 services, reimbursement procedures, and other provisions of this Act.