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SENATE BILL NO. 66

Introduced by: Senators Kooistra, Abdallah, Apa, Kloucek, Koetzle, and LaPointe and
Representatives Williamson, Begalka, Bradford, Gassman, Glenski, Hennies,
Kroger, Miles, Pederson (Gordon), Sigdestad, Valandra, and Van Norman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a homeless veterans initiative program within
2 the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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

4 Section 1. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall implement a homeless
5 veterans initiative program. In implementing the program, the state shall attempt to coordinate
6 with, provide assistance to, and seek assistance from the United States Department of Veterans
7 Affairs and other agencies for the purpose of establishing and administering a comprehensive,
8 integrated, and coordinated program for homeless veterans. The purpose of the program is to:

9 (1) Seek federal funding and grants to implement the program and to improve and expand
10 current services for homeless veterans;

11 (2) Emphasize training of county veterans service officers and tribal veterans service
12 officers to seek out and identify homeless veterans and provide them with information,
13 assistance, and proper referrals; and

14 (3) Coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies
15 in an ongoing needs assessment and evaluation of the program.

