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HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Heineman, Bartling, Bradford, Buckingham, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Juhnke, LaRue, McLaughlin, Peterson (Jim), Solum, and Teupel and Senators Duenwald and Koskan at the request of the Interim Committee on School District Educational Equality and Organization

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a basic high school program and a
2 recommended high school program and to require most students to complete the
3 recommended one.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-1-12.1 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-1-12.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall ~~adopt~~ promulgate rules pursuant to
7 chapter 1-26 to establish standards for the classification and accreditation of schools within this
8 state, to establish standards for preparation of certified personnel, to set forth procedures for
9 determining the eligibility of school districts to receive state foundation aid effective January 1,
10 1997, to adopt policies and rules necessary to establish standards and procedures for
11 vocation-technical education and to establish ~~minimum~~ curriculum requirements for both a
12 basic high school program and for a recommended high school program for all public and
13 nonpublic schools within the state. Both programs shall include a rigorous high school
14 curriculum, and the recommended high school program shall be more academically challenging



1 in the areas of mathematics and science than the basic high school program. Both programs
2 shall enhance and may not diminish the academic preparation necessary for students to complete
3 high school. The requirements of the basic program shall be aligned to the academic content
4 standards developed pursuant to § 13-3-48 and shall, at a minimum, include the content
5 standards tested pursuant to § 13-3-55.

6 Section 2. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
7 follows:

8 For students entering the ninth grade in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter, a school
9 district shall require that each student enrolls in courses of instruction necessary to complete the
10 recommended high school program established by the State Board of Education pursuant to
11 section 1 of this Act. However, a student may be excused from taking courses of instruction
12 necessary to complete the recommended high school program if the student's parent or guardian
13 and a school counselor or school administrator agree that the student should instead take courses
14 of instruction necessary to complete the basic high school program also established by the board
15 pursuant to section 1 of this Act. Any student who is seeking eligibility in the regents
16 scholarship program established in § 13-55-30 and is therefore adhering to the high school
17 course requirements as provided in Board of Regents Policy Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on
18 January 1, 2003, meets the requirements of this section.