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HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Deadrick (Thomas), Bartling, Bradford, Buckingham, Dykstra, Elliott, Heineman, Juhnke, LaRue, McLaughlin, Peterson (Jim), Teupel, and Van Gerpen 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 require the Department of Education to provide for
2 computer access for certain rural attendance centers in South Dakota and to make an
3 appropriation therefor.

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

5 Section 1. The Department of Education shall determine which rural attendance centers do
6 not have access to the internet, as defined in § 22-25A-3, or to the State of South Dakota's video
7 telecommunications services. The Department of Education shall select a minimum of twenty
8 percent of the rural attendance centers identified by the department pursuant to this Act and
9 provide internet access and video telecommunication before June 30, 2005. Each year thereafter
10 twenty percent of the total rural attendance centers identified shall receive internet access and
11 video telecommunication services and all rural attendance centers shall have internet access and
12 video telecommunication by June 30, 2009.

13 Section 2. On June thirtieth of each year, four hundred thirty-six thousand dollars
14 (\$436,000), or so much as thereof as may be available, shall be transferred from the



1 appropriation for state aid for general education that is not expended or legally obligated to the
2 rural attendance center wiring fund which is hereby created as a separate fund in the state
3 treasury. Any money in the rural attendance center wiring fund is continuously appropriated to
4 the Department of Education to pay for the provisions of this Act.

5 Section 3. The secretary of the Department of Education shall approve vouchers and the
6 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.