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HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Bill) and Olson (Mel) and Senators Brown, Bogue, Ham-Burr, and Moore

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a task force to study state and local government.

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

3 Section 1. There is hereby created a task force to study the roles of state and local
4 government in the state. The task force shall review the responsibilities assigned by the
5 Constitution and state law to state, county, and municipal governments and to school districts.
6 The task force shall review the functions that have been implemented by these entities of
7 government to fulfill their assigned responsibilities. The task force shall review the funding
8 sources that are available to each of these entities to perform their assigned responsibilities. The
9 task force shall identify any unfunded mandates that have been place on any of these entities and
10 shall explore options to provide for the funding of the mandates or for the elimination of the
11 mandates. The task force shall explore areas where intergovernmental cooperation may be
12 fostered in the future. The task force shall explore areas where governmental responsibilities
13 may be revised to improve the services provided by state and local governments to the citizens
14 of the state.

15 Section 2. The Governor shall appoint the task force which shall consist of twenty-one



1 members. Three of the members shall represent county government. Three of the members shall
2 represent municipal government. Three of the members shall represent school districts. Three
3 of the members shall be faculty members of a university or college political science department.
4 Three of the members shall be legislators. Six of the members shall represent the general public.
5 The Governor shall select the chair of the task force.

6 Section 3. The task force shall meet in 2004 and 2005. The task force may hold meetings
7 and hearings at times and places as it may designate. The task force shall report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Legislature at its regular session in 2006.

9 Section 4. The Legislative Research Council shall serve as staff to the task force.

10 Section 5. The members of the task force shall be compensated in the same manner as
11 members of an interim committee.