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SENATE BILL NO. 181

Introduced by: Senators Gray, Abdallah, Adelstein, Apa, Dempster, Duniphan, Earley, Kelly, McCracken, McNenny, Smidt, and Sutton (Duane) and Representatives Kraus, Cutler, Haverly, Heineman, McCoy, McLaughlin, Murschel, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Rounds, and Weems

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a school district consolidation commission and
2 to declare an emergency.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby created the South Dakota School District Consolidation
5 Commission. The commission shall develop a plan to reorganize or consolidate the school
6 districts in the state in order to allow the state to continue to deliver high quality educational
7 services to our state's children in the most effective and cost efficient manner. The commission
8 may also provide recommendations on implementing the plan for reorganization or
9 consolidation.

10 Section 2. The commission shall consist of thirteen members including the secretary of the
11 Department of Education and twelve members appointed as follows:

12 (1) Four by the president pro tempore of the South Dakota Senate, no more than three
13 of whom are members of one political party;

14 (2) Four by the speaker of the South Dakota House of Representatives, no more than



1 three of whom are members of one political party; and

2 (3) Four by the Governor of South Dakota, no more than three of whom are members of
3 one political party.

4 Section 3. The commission shall hold public hearings and take testimony on school
5 consolidation issues at times and places as it may designate. It shall elect a chair, vice chair, and
6 any other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

7 Section 4. The Legislative Research Council shall serve as the secretariat of the commission,
8 and shall assist in the conduct of the commission's work as may be directed by the commission.

9 In addition, the Department of Education shall provide necessary support services to the
10 commission.

11 Section 5. The members of the commission shall be compensated in the same manner as
12 members of an interim legislative committee.

13 Section 6. The commission shall present its recommendations to the Executive Board of the
14 Legislative Research Council in the form of draft legislation at the Executive Board's final
15 meeting of the 2006 interim.

16 Section 7. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
17 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
18 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.