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## HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1035** - 01/24/2007

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the required grade levels for assessment of writing  
2 skills.

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

4 Section 1. That § 13-3-55 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-3-55. Every public school district shall annually administer the same assessment to all  
6 students in grades three to eight, inclusive, and in grade eleven. The assessment shall measure  
7 the academic progress of each student. Every public school district shall annually administer to  
8 all students in ~~grades five and nine~~ at least two grade levels an achievement test to assess  
9 writing skills. The assessment instruments shall be provided by the Department of Education,  
10 and the department shall determine the two grade levels to be tested. The tests shall be  
11 administered within timelines established by the Department of Education by rules promulgated  
12 pursuant to chapter 1-26 starting in the spring of the 2002-2003 school year. Each state-designed  
13 test shall be correlated with the state's content standards. The South Dakota Board of Education  
14 may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for administration of all assessments.

