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HOUSE BILL NO. 1300

Introduced by: Representatives Heineman, Buckingham, Dykstra, and Wick and Senators
Smidt (Orville) and Garnos

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a public utility data source containing
2 information from school districts and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby created a public utility data source to provide parents and other
5 residents with information on the school districts in which they live and the schools their
6 children attend including data on school performance, school finance, school populations, and
7 other factors.

8 Section 2. The public utility data source shall at least include:

- 9 (1) The school's average composite score on the test administered by the American
10 College Testing Program and on the Scholastic Assessment Test, and the percentage
11 of students taking those tests;
- 12 (2) The number of students in the school that qualified for a South Dakota opportunity
13 scholarship pursuant to § 13-55-31;
- 14 (3) The number of students in the school that completed postsecondary courses while
15 still in high school pursuant to § 3-28-37;



- 1 (4) The number of students who graduated from the school the previous year and have
- 2 enrolled in postsecondary education;
- 3 (5) The number of students who graduated from the school the previous year and
- 4 required remedial courses during their first year of postsecondary education;
- 5 (6) The school's student/teacher ratio;
- 6 (7) The school's population at each grade level;
- 7 (8) The school's dropout rate;
- 8 (9) A report on the condition of the school's buildings;
- 9 (10) A review of the school's current financial condition;
- 10 (11) The school's expenditures on a cost-per-student basis; and
- 11 (12) Five year projections of student enrollment.

12 Section 3. The Department of Education shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26,
13 to establish the procedures for gathering necessary information from schools and school districts
14 and the timelines for the submission of data.

15 Section 4. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of one dollar (\$1),
16 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Education to establish the public
17 utility data source.

18 Section 5. The secretary of education shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw
19 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

20 Section 6. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
21 June 30, 2008, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.