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SENATE BILL NO. 64

Introduced by: Senators Otten (Ernie), Begalka, Brown, Jensen, Krebs, Novstrup (Al), Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, and Van Gerpen and Representatives Bolin, Cronin, Kaiser, Lust, Mickelson, Nelson, Otten (Herman), Russell, Sly, and Westra

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require a waiting period prior to the adoption of new
2 uniform content standards and to provide for an opportunity for public comment for all new
3 content standards.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Prior to July 1, 2016, the Board of Education may not, pursuant to § 13-3-48, adopt any
8 uniform content standards drafted by a multistate consortium which are intended for adoption
9 in two or more states. However, this section does not apply to content standards whose adoption
10 by the Board of Education was completed and finalized prior to July 1, 2014. However, nothing
11 in this section prohibits the board from adopting standards drafted by South Dakota educators
12 and professionals which reference uniform content standards, provided that the board has
13 conducted at least four public hearings in regard to those standards.

14 Section 2. That § 13-3-89 be amended to read as follows:



1 13-3-89. ~~Beginning on July 1, 2012, the~~ The Board of Education, prior to adopting any
2 content standards proposed through the Common Core State Standards Initiative, a state-led
3 ~~effort launched by state leaders through their membership in the National Governors~~
4 ~~Association Center for Best Practices and Council of Chief State School Officers~~ pursuant to
5 § 13-3-48, shall conduct, over a period of one year no less than six months, at least four public
6 hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to give members of the public the opportunity to
7 provide input to the board on whether the standards being proposed ~~through the initiative~~ should
8 be adopted and implemented in South Dakota. The board shall conduct at least one of the public
9 hearings in each of the following cities: Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. No
10 public hearing required pursuant to this section is valid unless a quorum of the board is
11 physically present at each of these public hearings.

12 Section 3. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
13 follows:

14 In addition to complying with the requirements of chapter 1-25, the Board of Education
15 shall, at least thirty days prior to each public hearing, publish notice of the intent to receive
16 public comment and testimony concerning the adoption and implementation of content
17 standards in at least three newspapers of general circulation in different parts of the state, post
18 the notice on the board's website, and provide the notice, via United States mail or e-mail, to
19 each person who has, in writing, via United States mail or e-mail, requested notice of the
20 hearings referenced in § 13-3-89.