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HOUSE BILL NO. 1198

Introduced by: Representatives DiSanto, Campbell, Craig, Kaiser, Marty, May, and Russell
and Senators Jensen (Phil), Greenfield (Brock), and Olson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require legislative approval for certain academic
2 assessments.

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 at least two grade levels an achievement test to assess writing skills. The
9 assessment instruments shall be provided by the Department of Education, and the department
10 shall determine the two grade levels to be tested. The tests shall be administered within
11 timelines established by the Department of Education by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter
12 1-26 starting in the spring of the 2002-2003 school year. Each state-designed test shall be
13 correlated with the state's content standards. The South Dakota Board of Education may
14 promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for administration of all assessments.

15 Beginning on July 1, 2016, no assessment may be administered in any public school as



1 provided in this section unless the Legislature enacts a bill approving the assessment.