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SENATE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **SB 63** - 01/26/2016

Introduced by: Senators Tidemann, Frerichs, Heinert, Novstrup (David), Parsley, and Solano
and Representatives Munsterman, Bartling, Brunner, Dryden, Gosch, Hawley,
Jensen (Alex), Kirschman, Langer, and Schrempp

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the development of school safety plans and to
2 require the conduct of lockdown drills in accredited schools.

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

4 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 Each accredited school shall, by August 1, 2016, develop a school safety plan. The plan shall
6 be developed by a school safety team appointed by the superintendent of the accredited school.
7 The team shall consist of the building principal, a teacher, a counselor, the school resource
8 officer or another law enforcement official if a school resource officer is not available, an
9 emergency management professional, a member of the local fire department, and a custodian
10 at the school.

11 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 Once the school safety plan is developed, the school safety team shall meet to ensure the
13 plan is being followed and to institute any needed changes in the plan, protocol, or procedures
14 surrounding emergency and crisis planning within the school building.



1 Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

2 In addition to preparing the school safety plan, each accredited school shall conduct a
3 lockdown drill at least once per year. The date and time of the lockdown drill shall be recorded
4 and kept on file in the offices of both the school and the school district superintendent. The
5 lockdown drill shall be conducted in the presence of the building principal or vice-principal, the
6 school resource officer or another law enforcement official if a school resource officer is
7 unavailable, and any other persons requested to assist.

8 Section 4. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

9 At each accredited school, at least one annual meeting shall be conducted to review and
10 update the school's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures. Each
11 meeting shall include members of the school safety team and any other individual helping to
12 build the school safety plan, and they shall be provided notice of the meeting by the building
13 principal at least thirty days in advance. The superintendent of the accredited school shall keep
14 accurate minutes of each meeting that include any changes that are made to the school safety
15 plan at the meeting.