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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

Introduced by: Representatives Kooistra, Flowers, Frost, Hanson (Gary), Hennies (Don), and Rhoden and Senators Dennert, Albers, and Koskan

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish an alternative method for the calculation of  
2 average daily membership for school districts.

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

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

6 A school district may elect to have its average daily membership for purposes of distribution  
7 of state aid to education for the next school year based on the average of the average daily  
8 membership for the previous three school years. If a district elects to use the three-year average  
9 provided for in this section, it shall notify the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs no  
10 later than September thirtieth of the school fiscal year for which state aid is to be distributed. If  
11 a school district elects to use a three-year average provided for in this section, a three-year  
12 average shall be used for at least five years. The three-year average in subsequent years is the  
13 average for the three school fiscal years before the school fiscal year in which state aid to  
14 education is distributed. After a school district that has elected to use the three-year average  
15 provided for in this section has met the five-year requirement for using the three-year average,



1 it shall notify the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs no later than September thirtieth  
2 of each year whether the district elects to continue the three-year average. If no such notification  
3 is made, the normal average daily membership shall be used to determine state aid to education.