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HOUSE BILL NO. 1241

Introduced by: Representatives Heineman and Dykstra and Senators Olson (Ed) and Dempster

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create the Student Achievement Enhancement Grant
2 Program 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 the Student Achievement Enhancement Grant Program
5 within the Department of Education.

6 Section 2. To be eligible for a grant, a school district shall apply to the secretary of the
7 Department of Education and shall provide written documentation as to how any grant money
8 received by the district will be used to enhance student achievement. A school district may apply
9 for a grant on its own behalf or an education service agency may apply on behalf of one or more
10 school districts.

11 For purposes of this Act, an education service agency is an agency that provides services and
12 acts as a resource to school districts in a particular region of the state.

13 Section 3. The secretary of education shall award a grant under this Act to any applying
14 school district that clearly demonstrates that the grant money will be used to enhance student
15 achievement by:



- 1 (1) Providing professional development opportunities, including mentoring, to teachers
2 in the district;
- 3 (2) Recruiting and retaining teachers in core subject areas in high demand;
- 4 (3) Rewarding teachers for significant gains in student achievement;
- 5 (4) Providing tutoring or other supplemental learning opportunities for students;
- 6 (5) Assisting teachers who work in schools identified for improvement under the state
7 accountability system created pursuant to § 13-3-62;
- 8 (6) Recruiting and retaining teachers for teaching positions in core subject areas in high
9 need areas of the state; or
- 10 (7) Assisting teachers who work with at-risk students.

11 Section 4. To clearly demonstrate that any grant money received will be used in an effective
12 manner, a school district or education service agency applying for a grant shall provide written
13 documentation of the following:

- 14 (1) That any funds received will be used to fund programs that are of sufficient size,
15 scope, and intensity to improve the academic performance of participating students;
- 16 (2) That any funds received will be used to apply research-based strategies or strategies
17 that have proven effective in improving the academic performance of students; and
- 18 (3) That a rigorous evaluation process will be put in place to measure the program
19 progress and the outcomes of participating students on a range of appropriate
20 performance measures, including student assessments.

21 Section 5. Any school district that receives a grant pursuant to this Act, shall, within one
22 year of receiving the grant, provide a written report to the Department of Education that
23 includes the following:

- 24 (1) A summary of the progress made through the use of the grant with respect to the

1 performance measures used and the school district's objectives;

2 (2) A summary of the impact the funds have had on participating students with particular
3 emphasis on student assessments; and

4 (3) An identification of any barriers to success the district has encountered or any
5 solutions that have been identified by the district to the problems they sought to
6 address through use of the grant.

7 Section 6. The department shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish
8 procedures and timelines for the application process, the selection process, and the distribution
9 of grant funds.

10 Section 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund, after the transfer of earnings
11 from the education enhancement trust fund created in Article XII, section 6 of the South Dakota
12 Constitution, pursuant to § 4-5-29.2, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), or so much
13 thereof that may be necessary, to the Department of Education for allocation to school districts
14 to provide funding for the grants awarded pursuant to this Act.

15 Section 8. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
16 June 30, 2006, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.

17 Section 9. The department shall provide a Student Achievement Enhancement Grant to any
18 school district that meets the qualifications set forth in section 3 of this Act. The grant money
19 available shall be distributed to qualifying school districts on a per-student basis according to
20 the district's average daily membership as defined in § 13-13-10.1.