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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Ed), Duniphan, McCracken, and Sutton (Dan) and Representatives Thompson, Bradford, Elliott, Faehn, Haley, Hennies, McCoy, Miles, Roberts, Sigdestad, Street, and Van Norman

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Congress of the United States to support the  
2 changes to the No Child Left Behind Act that were recommended by the special task force  
3 established by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

4 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures created a special task force that  
5 spent ten months conducting an exhaustive, comprehensive, and bipartisan review of the No  
6 Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

7 WHEREAS, that review identified a number of changes that must be made in order to make  
8 NCLB a positive force for school improvement and to guarantee that young people will learn  
9 at their full potential; and

10 WHEREAS, the task force brought forth forty-three recommendations that provide a  
11 comprehensive guide to those necessary changes, many of which could be easily incorporated  
12 into the act and provide useful, workable requirements for schools; and

13 WHEREAS, the four key recommendations include removing obstacles that prevent state  
14 education innovations and undermine programs that were working prior to the passage of  
15 NCLB; fully funding the act and providing states with the financial help to meet NCLB's goals



1 in the classroom; removing the "one-size-fits-all" student performance measurements and  
2 encouraging more sophisticated systems that will measure individual student progress; and  
3 recognizing that schools face special challenges and that significant differences exist between  
4 rural schools and urban schools:

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of  
6 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
7 Dakota Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to support the worthwhile  
8 recommendations to revise the No Child Left Behind Act brought forth by the special task force  
9 of the National Conference of State Legislatures.