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SENATE BILL NO. 24

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish standards for teaching, to require an annual
2 teacher evaluation, and to provide for the development of a model evaluation instrument.

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

4 Section 1. The Board of Education shall, no later than January 1, 2011, promulgate rules
5 pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish standards for teaching in South Dakota public schools. The
6 standards shall define the expected performance of teachers at three levels: beginning teachers,
7 professional teachers, and instructional leaders. The standards shall include a mentoring
8 program to provide the necessary support for first, second, and third-year teachers.

9 Section 2. Any public school district seeking state accreditation shall evaluate the
10 performance of each certified teacher annually.

11 Section 3. A work group appointed by the secretary of education shall provide input in
12 developing the standards and shall develop a model evaluation instrument that may be used by
13 school districts. The work group shall consist of the following:

14 (1) Three teachers: one from an elementary school, one from a middle school, and one
15 from a high school;



- 1 (2) Three principals: one from an elementary school, one from a middle school, and one
- 2 from a high school;
- 3 (3) Two superintendents;
- 4 (4) Two school board members;
- 5 (5) Four parents who have students in various levels of the K-12 system:
- 6 (6) One representative of the South Dakota Education Association; and
- 7 (7) One representative of the School Administrators of South Dakota.

8 Section 4. The standards shall be the foundation to create and implement a tiered licensure
9 system that shall define the performance measures to move from one level to the next. The
10 standards shall be developed by June 30, 2011, with implementation delayed until June 30,
11 2013, pursuant to § 13-42-4.

12 Section 5. The provisions of section 2 of this Act are effective July 1, 2013.