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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 teacher
2 evaluations, 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 July 1, 2011, promulgate rules
5 pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish minimum professional performance standards for certified
6 teachers in South Dakota public schools, and to establish best practices for the evaluation of the
7 performance of certified teachers that may be used by individual school districts.

8 Section 2. Any public school district seeking state accreditation shall evaluate the
9 performance of each certified teacher in years one through three not less than annually, and each
10 certified teacher in the fourth contract year or beyond, not less than every other year.

11 Each school district shall adopt procedures for evaluating the performance of certified
12 teachers employed by the school district that:

- 13 (1) Are based on the minimum professional performance standards established by the
14 Board of Education pursuant to section 1 of this Act;
- 15 (2) Require multiple measures;



1 (3) Serve as the basis for programs to increase professional growth and development of
2 certified teachers; and

3 (4) Include a plan of assistance for any certified teacher, who is in the fourth or
4 subsequent year of teaching, and whose performance does not meet the school
5 district's performance standards.

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

9 (1) Six teachers: two from an elementary school, two from a middle school, and two
10 from a high school;

11 (2) Three principals: one from an elementary school, one from a middle school, and one
12 from a high school;

13 (3) Two superintendents;

14 (4) Two school board members;

15 (5) Four parents who have students in various levels of the K-12 system:

16 (6) One representative of the South Dakota Education Association;

17 (7) One representative of the School Administrators of South Dakota; and

18 (8) One representative of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

19 Section 4. Nothing in this Act may diminish a school district's right to not renew a teacher's
20 contract pursuant to § 13-43-6.3.