

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to require a waiting period prior to the adoption of new uniform content standards and to provide for an opportunity for public comment for all new content standards.

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

Section 1. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Prior to July 1, 2016, the Board of Education may not, pursuant to § 13-3-48, adopt any uniform content standards drafted by a multistate consortium which are intended for adoption in two or more states. However, this section does not apply to content standards whose adoption by the Board of Education was completed and finalized prior to July 1, 2014. However, nothing in this section prohibits the board from adopting standards drafted by South Dakota educators and professionals which reference uniform content standards, provided that the board has conducted at least four public hearings in regard to those standards.

Section 2. That § 13-3-89 be amended to read as follows:

13-3-89. The Board of Education, prior to adopting content standards pursuant to § 13-3-48, shall conduct, over a period of no less than six months, at least four public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to give members of the public the opportunity to provide input to the board on whether the standards being proposed should be adopted and implemented in South Dakota. The board shall conduct at least one of the public hearings in each of the following cities: Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls. No public hearing required pursuant to this section is valid unless a quorum of the board is physically present at each of these public hearings.

Section 3. That chapter 13-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

In addition to complying with the requirements of chapter 1-25, the Board of Education shall, at least thirty days prior to each public hearing, publish notice of the intent to receive public comment and testimony concerning the adoption and implementation of content standards in at least

three newspapers of general circulation in different parts of the state, post the notice on the board's website, and provide the notice, via United States mail or e-mail, to each person who has, in writing, via United States mail or e-mail, requested notice of the hearings referenced in § 13-3-89.

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