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HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

Introduced by: Representatives Rhoden, Deadrick, Dykstra, Gilson, Halverson, Haverly, Heineman, Krebs, Lust, McLaughlin, Peters, Rave, Turbiville, Weems, and Wick and Senators Knudson, Dempster, Gray, McCracken, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), and Smidt (Orville)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to align math and science education with South Dakota's
2 historic and unique scientific opportunities, to direct the Department of Education to initiate
3 Project Lead the Way, to develop a clearinghouse for certain educational opportunities, and
4 to provide for an independent analysis of the state's content standards, and to make an
5 appropriation therefor.

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

7 Section 1. The Department of Education is hereby directed to initiate Project Lead the Way
8 or other similar project-based curriculum in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and
9 math in the state's middle and high schools. The purpose of the curriculum is to make math and
10 science relevant for students by providing them with hands-on, real-world experiences.

11 Section 2. The Department of Education shall develop a clearinghouse for youth
12 internships, pre-apprenticeships, mentoring opportunities, and other educational experiences
13 outside of the classroom that are available to middle and high school students within the state's
14 research, science, and technology infrastructure. The purpose of the clearinghouse is to facilitate



1 coordination among the middle schools, high schools, postsecondary technical institutes,
2 universities, and the businesses and industries that offer these educational experiences, and to
3 make students aware of the many unique opportunities available to them in South Dakota in the
4 areas of research, science, and technology. To further capitalize on the talent and resources of
5 the state's science and technology community, opportunities for professional development for
6 teachers shall also be coordinated through the clearinghouse.

7 Section 3. The Department of Education is further directed to provide for an independent
8 analysis of the state's content standards developed pursuant to § 13-3-48 in math and science.
9 The analysis is necessary to ensure that the content standards are aligned with the expectations
10 of the state's employers and postsecondary institutions, and that they are consistent with the
11 knowledge and skill necessary for science and technology development in our state and in the
12 global economy.

13 Section 4. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of five hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of
15 Education for the purposes of initiating the curriculum pursuant to section 1 of this Act through
16 its Office of Career and Technical Education and for providing for an independent analysis of
17 the state's content standards pursuant to section 3 of this Act. In addition, the secretary of
18 education is hereby authorized to accept any gifts, grants, or contributions, either public or
19 private, for the purpose of implementing the provisions in this Act.

20 Section 5. The secretary of education shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw
21 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

22 Section 6. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June
23 30, 2009, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.