

## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1303****AMENDMENT 1303A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~address elementary and secondary education~~ direct the Department of**  
2 **Education to create the Education Cost Efficiency Task Force.**

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

4 **Section 1.** ~~This bill addresses elementary and secondary education. The Department of~~  
5 ~~Education shall assemble the Education Cost Efficiency Task Force to examine the program~~  
6 ~~and administrative efficiency and cost effectiveness of school districts. The task force shall~~  
7 ~~consist of at least twenty members and must include:~~

8 ~~(1) Two senators, at least one of whom is a member of the Committee on~~  
9 ~~Appropriations, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;~~

10 ~~(2) Two representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the Committee on~~  
11 ~~Appropriations, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;~~

12 ~~(3) Six administrators, as defined in § 13-42-1:~~

13 ~~(a) Two from districts with enrollments of two hundred or fewer students;~~

14 ~~(b) Two from districts with enrollments between two hundred one and five~~  
15 ~~hundred ninety-nine students; and~~

16 ~~(c) Two from districts with enrollments of six hundred or more students;~~

17 ~~(4) Two teachers;~~

18 ~~(5) Six school board members:~~

19 ~~(a) Two from districts with enrollments of two hundred or fewer students;~~

20 ~~(b) Two from districts with enrollments between two hundred one and five~~  
21 ~~hundred ninety-nine students; and~~

22 ~~(c) Two from districts with enrollments of six hundred or more students; and~~

23 ~~(6) The secretary of education.~~

24 ~~The secretary of education may appoint ex-officio members from the department.~~  
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26 **Section 2.** The Education Cost Efficiency Task Force shall review:

- 1 (1) Virtual learning and potential for expansion;
- 2 (2) Combining operations and functions across school districts; and
- 3 (3) Any other cost-effective measures as determined by the task force.

4 **Section 3.** All expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the Education Cost Efficiency  
5 Task Force must be paid out of funds appropriated or otherwise provided to the Department  
6 of Education. The department shall present the findings of the task force to the Governor and  
7 to the Joint Committee on Appropriations no later than November 15, 2022.