



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1002

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

1 **An Act to to require that all certified educators to take a course in South Dakota**
 2 **Indian Studies.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 13-1-48 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-1-48.** Any ~~teacher~~ All certified educators new to the profession, ~~or~~ or from out-
 6 of-state, ~~or certified after 1993~~ shall complete a three-credit-hour course in South Dakota
 7 Indian studies. The course shall include components specific to:

- 8 (1) Language and cultural awareness;
 9 (2) History;
 10 (3) Educational theory and background of the traditional tribal education; and
 11 (4) Implementation and strategies of Indian learning styles, curriculum development
 12 and authentic assessment.