

## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1197****AMENDMENT 1197A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to permit a teacher to assist a student in objectively reviewing scientific**  
2 **information.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-33:**

5 A teacher employed by a school district may assist a student enrolled in a school  
6 district to analyze, critique, review, and understand, in an objective and scientific manner,  
7 the strengths and weaknesses of any scientific information presented in a course that is  
8 aligned with the content standards established pursuant to § 13-3-48.

9 For purposes of this section, "objective and scientific manner," means the  
10 disposition or attitude toward the study of natural and observable phenomena, which  
11 attempts to conform the mind of an individual perceiver to the manifest and intelligible  
12 nature of the thing being perceived by:

- 13 (1) Making a hypothesis based on an observed phenomenon;  
14 (2) Conducting experimentation corresponding to the hypothesis made; and  
15 (3) Drawing conclusions from the results of the experimentation to inform and refine  
16 or reform the hypotheses.