



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1152

Introduced by: **Representative** Greenfield

1 **An Act to require that the secretary of the Department of Education apply to the**
 2 **United States Department of Education for the authority to develop and**
 3 **implement an innovative assessment system.**

4 **Section 1.** The secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education shall apply to the
 5 United States Department of Education, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 6364 (January 1, 2026), for
 6 the authority to establish an innovative assessment system.

7 **Section 2.** Upon receipt of a notice indicating that the secretary's application has been
 8 approved by the United States Department of Education, the secretary shall, in consultation
 9 with school administrators, teachers, parents, and other education experts, develop and
 10 implement an assessment model that:

- 11 (1) Meets the requirements for an innovative assessment system established in 20
 12 U.S.C. § 6364 (January 1, 2026);
 13 (2) Corresponds with the requirements for an academic achievement assessment
 14 established in § 13-3-55;
 15 (3) Accurately measures student growth in reading and mathematics;
 16 (4) Aligns with evidence-based literacy practices founded upon the science of reading;
 17 and
 18 (5) Reinforces the mastery of foundational mathematics skills.