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ENGROSSED NO. **SB 108** - 03/10/2014

**This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.**

Introduced by: Senator Rave and Representative Cronin

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the Autism Spectrum Disorder workgroup to  
2 study the impact of autism spectrum disorder on children in this state and to make  
3 recommendations to the Legislature on policies to effectively address the issue.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
6 follows:

7 There is hereby created the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) workgroup to study the  
8 impact of autism spectrum disorder on children in this state and to make recommendations to  
9 the Legislature on policies to effectively address the issue. The task force shall consist of the  
10 following fifteen members:

- 11 (1) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate;  
12 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the  
13 House of Representatives;  
14 (3) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint the following two members:



1 (a) A certified medical professional with experience diagnosing and treating  
2 autism spectrum disorder; and

3 (b) A representative from an insurance company that does not provide coverage  
4 of the treatment of autism spectrum disorder and applied behavioral analysis;

5 (4) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the following three  
6 members:

7 (a) A representative of an insurance company that provides coverage of the  
8 treatment of autism spectrum disorder, including applied behavioral analysis;  
9 and

10 (b) Two persons with, or who have a child with, autism spectrum disorder;

11 (5) A representative from the Department of Education with knowledge of the services  
12 available in K-12 for students with autism spectrum disorder;

13 (6) A representative from the Department of Social Services;

14 (7) A representative from the Department of Human Services; and

15 (8) A representative from the Department of Labor and Regulation, Division of  
16 Insurance.

17 Section 2. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
18 follows:

19 The initial appointments shall be made no later than July 1, 2014, and shall serve until  
20 January 1, 2015, which shall be the end date for the workgroup. If there is a vacancy on the  
21 workgroup, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

22 Section 3. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
23 follows:

24 The workgroup shall study the current status of insurance coverage, services, provider

1   licensing and certification requirements, and assistance available for individuals with autism  
2   spectrum disorder in the state and make a report to the Executive Board of then Legislature. The  
3   report shall include available options that the state could pursue to ensure that individuals with  
4   autism spectrum disorder are able to access appropriate resources to live successful and  
5   independent lives including the anticipated costs, savings, and benefits to the state, the public,  
6   and individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

7       Section 4. The ASD workgroup shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the  
8   Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee, not  
9   to exceed twenty-one thousand dollars.