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SENATE BILL NO. 83

Introduced by: Senators Monroe, Holien, Jensen (Phil), Olson, and Van Gerpen and
Representatives Campbell, DiSanto, Heinemann (Leslie), Latterell, Qualm,
Stalzer, and Zikmund

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to protect the teaching of certain scientific information.

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

3 Section 1. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 No teacher may be prohibited from helping students understand, analyze, critique, or review
5 in an objective scientific manner the strengths and weaknesses of scientific information
6 presented in courses being taught which are aligned with the content standards established
7 pursuant to § 13-3-48.

8 Section 2. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

9 The provisions of this Act only protect the teaching of scientific information and may not
10 be construed to promote any religious or nonreligious doctrine, nor may these provisions be
11 construed to promote discrimination against any religion, religious belief, nonreligion, or
12 nonbelief.

