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SENATE BILL NO. 60

Introduced by: Senators Rusch, Cammack, Ewing, Nesiba, Schoenbeck, Solano, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Youngberg and Representatives Rasmussen, Anderson, Deutsch, Finck, Greenfield (Lana), Johns, McCleerey, Peterson (Kent), Reed, Ring, and Zikmund

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the secretary of public safety to provide
2 recommendations to the Legislature on a statewide threat assessment plan.

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

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

5 The secretary of public safety shall provide recommendations to the Legislature on the
6 development and implementation of a statewide threat assessment plan for the school districts
7 in the state. The purpose of the plan is to prevent incidents of targeted violence from occurring
8 in schools. The plan shall include a set of strategies and procedures to help school personnel
9 identify school vulnerabilities and potential threats, and the likelihood that the threats may
10 occur. The recommendations of the secretary shall include plan management guidelines,
11 practices, and standards.

12 In developing the recommendations, the secretary shall examine best practices in the areas
13 of threat assessment and prevention and mental health services for at-risk students, and consult
14 with individuals with relevant expertise and experience, including school personnel, members



1 of law enforcement, and mental health professionals.

2 The secretary shall provide the recommendations to the Legislature no later than

3 December 1, 2019.