

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 188

Introduced by: The Committee on Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding state tests.

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

3 Section 1. That § 13-3-55 be amended to read:

4 13-3-55. Every public school district shall ~~annually administer the same assessment tests in~~  
5 algebra I, biology, and English III to all students ~~in grades three to eight, inclusive, and in grade~~  
6 ~~eleven. Tests in English language arts and mathematics shall be administered to all students in~~  
7 grades three to eight, inclusive. Tests in science shall be administered to students once in grades  
8 three to five and once in grades six to eight. The same tests shall be administered to all students,  
9 except students with the most severe cognitive disabilities. The assessment tests shall measure  
10 the academic progress of each student. Every public school district shall annually administer to  
11 all students in at least two grade levels an achievement test to assess writing skills. The  
12 assessment instruments shall be provided by the Department of Education, and the department  
13 shall determine the two grade levels to be tested. The tests shall be administered within  
14 timelines established by the Department of Education by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter  
15 1-26 starting in the spring of the 2002-2003 school year. Each state-designed test shall be



- 1 correlated with the state's content standards. ~~The South Dakota Board of Education Standards~~
- 2 ~~may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for administration of all assessments.~~
- 3 The Department of Education shall provide the tests to every public school district at no cost.