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SENATE BILL NO. 185

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Russell), Bradford, Garnos, and Maher and Representatives Frerichs, Fargen, Hamiel, Lucas, Moser, Olson (Ryan), and Van Gerpen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the graduation requirements for students entering
2 ninth grade in 2009 and thereafter by eliminating the option of the basic high school
3 program.

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

5 Section 1. That § 13-33-19 be amended to read as follows:

6 13-33-19. For students entering the ninth grade in the 2006-2007 school year and thereafter,
7 a school district shall require that each student enrolls in courses of instruction necessary to
8 complete the recommended high school program established by the State Board of Education
9 pursuant to § 13-1-12.1. However, a student entering the ninth grade in the 2006-2007, 2007-
10 2008, or 2008-2009 school years may be excused from taking courses of instruction necessary
11 to complete the recommended high school program if the student's parent or guardian and a
12 school counselor or school administrator agree that the student should instead take courses of
13 instruction necessary to complete the basic high school program also established by the board
14 pursuant to § 13-1-12.1.

15 Any student who is seeking eligibility in the South Dakota scholarship program established



1 in § 13-55-30 and is therefore adhering to the high school course requirements as provided in
2 Board of Regents Policy Number 2:3(2)(F) as in effect on January 1, 2003, meets the
3 requirements of this section.

4 Section 2. That § 13-1-12.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-1-12.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter
6 1-26 to establish standards for the classification and accreditation of schools within this state,
7 to establish standards for preparation of certified personnel, to set forth procedures for
8 determining the eligibility of school districts to receive state foundation aid effective January
9 1, 1997, to adopt policies and rules necessary to establish standards and procedures for
10 ~~vocation-technical~~ career and technical education and to establish curriculum requirements for
11 ~~both a basic high school program and for a recommended high school program for all public and~~
12 ~~nonpublic schools within the state. Both programs~~ The recommended high school program shall
13 ~~include a rigorous high school curriculum, and the recommended high school program shall be~~
14 ~~more academically challenging in the areas of mathematics and science than the basic high~~
15 ~~school program. Both programs shall enhance and may not diminish the academic preparation~~
16 ~~necessary for students to complete high school~~ in both academic and career and technical
17 courses. The requirements of the ~~basic~~ recommended program shall be aligned to the academic
18 content standards developed pursuant to § 13-3-48 and shall, at a minimum, include the content
19 standards tested pursuant to § 13-3-55.

20 Section 3. Section 2 of this Act is effective on July 1, 2013.