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## SENATE BILL NO. 170

Introduced by: Senators Everist, Dunn (Rebecca), Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Kloucek, and Reedy  
and Representatives Brown (Richard), Brosz, Davis, de Hueck, Haley, Koetzle,  
Lockner, Lucas, and Waltman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require school districts to adopt teacher evaluation  
2 policies.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-43 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Each school board shall adopt official standards, criteria, and procedures for the evaluation  
7 of the professional performance of members of the teaching profession employed by the school  
8 district. A copy of the school board's official evaluation policy shall be forwarded to the  
9 Department of Education and Cultural Affairs. The school board's policy shall address the  
10 following:

- 11 (1) The purpose of the evaluations;
- 12 (2) The frequency of the evaluations;
- 13 (3) The procedure to be used in making the evaluations;
- 14 (4) The job-specific criteria for classroom teachers, school librarians, and school  
15 counselors;

1       (5)    The use of the results of the evaluations;

2       (6)    The frequency of classroom visitations; and

3       (7)    The written evaluations, which shall be provided to the employee.

4       If a school board fails to adopt and file an official evaluation policy that is consistent with this

5   Act, the evaluation policy promulgated by the professional practices and standards commission

6   is the school board's policy.