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SENATE BILL NO. 58

Introduced by: Senators Brown (Arnold), Albers, Craddock, Daugaard, Diedrich (Larry), Everist, Greenfield, Ham, Hutmacher, McCracken, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Sutton (Dan), Symens, and Vitter and Representatives Michels, Davis, Frost, Fryslie, Glenski, Hunhoff, McCoy, Pitts, Solum, and Van Etten

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a nursing workforce center under the direction
2 of the Board of Nursing and to provide funding through a fee assessed upon nursing license
3 renewal.

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

5 Section 1. That chapter 36-9 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The Board of Nursing shall establish a nursing workforce center. The board shall charge a
8 fee of ten dollars upon the biennial renewal of each registered nurse and practical nurse license
9 in addition to the license renewal fee for the funding of the nursing workforce center. Donations
10 and bequests from persons to further the intent of the nursing workforce center or additional
11 funds designated by the board may also be accepted and placed in the restricted fund.

12 Section 2. That chapter 36-9 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
13 follows:



1 The nursing workforce center may address issues regarding the supply, demand, and need
2 for nurses, including issues of recruitment, retention, educational preparation, and utilization of
3 nurses. In addition, the nursing workforce center may:

- 4 (1) Maintain a database on the supply, demand, and need for nurses in the state;
- 5 (2) Convene representatives of nurses, health care providers, consumers, educators,
6 government officials, and other individuals in business and industry to review and
7 comment on data analysis; make recommendations for strategic action; and evaluate
8 effectiveness of actions implemented;
- 9 (3) Provide electronic access to comprehensive information and research conducted by
10 the nursing workforce center;
- 11 (4) Evaluate the effectiveness of nursing education articulation and support for nursing
12 education mobility;
- 13 (5) Promote strategies to improve nursing workplace environments and promote nursing
14 leadership development; and
- 15 (6) Evaluate the effectiveness of state initiatives implemented to address nursing
16 workforce capacities and requirements.