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## SENATE BILL NO. 89

Introduced by: Senators Katus, Hoerth, Hundstad, Jerstad, Kloucek, Koetzle, Maher, Napoli, Peterson (Jim), Schmidt (Dennis), Sutton, Turbak Berry, and Two Bulls and Representatives Van Norman, Ahlers, Bradford, Davis, Feinstein, Glenski, Kirkeby, Lucas, Nygaard, Pederson (Gordon), Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Van Etten, and Weems

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to direct the State-Tribal Relations Committee to hold  
2 hearings on certain issues related to Native American health care.

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

4 Section 1. During the 2008 calendar year, the interim State-Tribal Relations Committee  
5 established pursuant to § 2-6-20 shall hold one or more hearings in Rapid City to consider  
6 methods to better integrate the services provided by the Indian Health Service of the United  
7 States Department of Health and Human Services and health services for Native Americans  
8 provided by health care systems not connected with the Indian Health Service. A goal of the  
9 hearings is to foster the establishment of a comprehensive plan to improve communication and  
10 coordination in the delivery of health care services for South Dakota's Native American  
11 population.

12 The committee shall invite to the hearings representatives of each of South Dakota's nine  
13 tribal governments, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, and the



1 Department of Human Services; the Commissioner of the Office of Tribal Government  
2 Relations; the Governor's Senior Advisor on Health; the Great Plains regional director of the  
3 Indian Health Service; the director of the Aberdeen Area Tribal chairmen's Health Board; health  
4 care providers and physicians; and other persons and entities that the committee deems  
5 appropriate.

6 The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2009 Legislature.