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HOUSE BILL NO. 1247

Introduced by: Representatives Dennert, Burg, Hargens, and Moore and Senator Bartling

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the calculation of state aid to general education
2 and to establish direction for the uses thereof.

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

4 Section 1. That § 13-13-11 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-13-11. It is the purpose of §§ 13-13-10.1 to 13-13-41, inclusive, to establish a procedure
6 for the distribution of state funds to local school districts. The following subdivisions are hereby
7 declared to be the policy of this state:

8 (1) Education is a state and local function.

9 (2) No one source of taxation should bear an excessive burden of the costs of education.

10 (3) In order to provide reasonable equality in school tax rates among the various school
11 districts in the state and to provide reasonable equality of educational opportunity for
12 all the children in the state, the state shall assist in giving a basic educational
13 opportunity to each student by contributing foundation program funds toward the
14 support of his educational program.

15 (4) Foundation program state aid should be distributed to school districts in accordance
16 with the formula as provided in §§ 13-13-10.1 to 13-13-46, inclusive.



(5) A minimum of twenty-five percent of the total general fund expenditures of the school districts of the state for the preceding school fiscal year should be distributed annually to school districts as a foundation program.

(6) No school district should be eligible to receive foundation program state aid which does not provide an educational program which meets the requirements and standards as provided in §§ 13-13-10.1 to 13-13-41, inclusive.

(7) A minimum of eighty percent of the state aid appropriation should be allocated to the salaries of the school district personnel and the remaining twenty percent should be allocated to the remaining operating expenses of the school district.

Section 2. That subdivision (4) of § 13-13-10.1 be amended to read as follows:

(4) "Per student allocation," for school fiscal year 2006 is \$4,237.72. Each school fiscal year thereafter, the per student allocation is ~~the previous fiscal year's per student allocation increased by the index factor~~ determined as follows:

(a) Eighty percent of the previous fiscal year's per student allocation increased by an amount identical to the previous year's state employee salary package as approved by the Legislature; and

(b) Twenty percent of the previous fiscal year's per student allocation increased by the index factor;