



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1265

Introduced by: **Representative** Sue Peterson

1 **An Act to increase the required units of United States government for high school**  
 2 **graduation.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 13-1-43 be AMENDED:**

5 **13-1-43.** The South Dakota Board of Education Standards and the Department of  
 6 Education shall work jointly with other state government agencies to ensure that children  
 7 enter the ~~K-12~~ elementary and secondary education system ready to learn. The board and  
 8 the department shall work jointly ~~work~~ to develop standards and practices that ensure  
 9 ~~that~~, by the third grade, all children, to the best of their abilities, have learned fundamental  
 10 reading, mathematics, language, science, and technology skills that form the foundation  
 11 for further learning. The board and the department shall work ~~together~~ jointly to develop  
 12 standards and practices that ensure ~~that~~, by completion of the twelfth grade, all students,  
 13 to the best of their abilities, have learned the educational and personal skills that will allow  
 14 them to enter adulthood as responsible members of society.

15 In addition to any other requirements imposed in accordance with this section,  
 16 each student must, as a condition for high school graduation, successfully complete at  
 17 least three units of social studies, including:

- 18 (1) One unit of United States history; and  
 19 (2) One unit of United States government.