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HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO.

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Introduced by: Senators Brown (Arnold), Everist, and Olson (Ed) and Representatives
McCoy and Peterson (Bill)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit the offering of postsecondary education credit
2 or degree by nonaccredited institutions.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-49 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 No person or governmental entity may offer postsecondary education credit or degree in
7 South Dakota, or while organized under the laws of South Dakota, unless currently participating
8 in any federal financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act
9 of 1965 as amended to January 1, 2001. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor and
10 subjects the violator to a civil penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars.

11 The provisions of this section do not apply to a religious institution that offers credit or
12 degree solely for the purpose of conferring status or authority within that religion.