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SENATE BILL NO. 153

Introduced by: Senators Sutton (Dan), Ham, and McIntyre and Representatives Holbeck, Garnos, and Van Gerpen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a mentor teacher pilot program and to appropriate
2 money therefor.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of one hundred
5 thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of
6 Education and Cultural Affairs for a mentor teacher pilot program.

7 Section 2. The secretary of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs shall approve
8 vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

9 Section 3. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
10 June 30, 2003, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.

11 Section 4. There is hereby created in the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs a
12 mentor teacher program. The program will be administered by the Department of Education and
13 Cultural Affairs in conjunction with the South Dakota School Administrators Association and
14 the South Dakota Education Association.

15 Section 5. Funding provided in this Act will provide for two mentor teachers and up to fifty



1 teachers to be mentored.

2 Section 6. For purposes of this Act, eligible teachers for mentoring will be teachers in their
3 first year of teaching, or teachers entering the teaching profession through an alternative route
4 of certification.

5 Section 7. For purposes of this Act, to be a mentor teacher a teacher must have a minimum
6 of ten years of teaching experience and have a current South Dakota teaching certificate.