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HOUSE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1051** - 1/25/2019

Introduced by: Representatives Deutsch, Beal, Brunner, Dennert, Finck, Glanzer, Goodwin, Greenfield (Lana), Gross, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson (David), Latterell, Mills, Otten (Herman), Perry, Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Rasmussen, Reed, Schoenfish, Steele, Willadsen, York, and Zikmund and Senators Bolin, Blare, Curd, DiSanto, Klumb, Maher, Nelson, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Rusch, Solano, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Wiik

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the South Dakota state seal of civics literacy
2 program.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 There is established in the Department of Education the South Dakota state seal of civics
6 literacy program. The purpose of the program is to recognize students who, upon graduating
7 from high school, have attained a high level of proficiency in civics. The program is voluntary.
8 Any school district, nonpublic school, or person providing alternative instruction to a student
9 pursuant to § 13-27-3 may participate in the program by notifying the secretary of education.
10 The program shall be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year.

11 Section 2. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 Each participating school district, nonpublic school, and person providing alternative



1 instruction shall:

- 2 (1) Identify each student who meets the requirements of the state seal of civics literacy
3 program; and
- 4 (2) Affix a sticker containing a reproduction of the seal of the State of South Dakota as
5 provided in section 3 of this Act to the diploma and note the receipt of the seal on the
6 grade transcript of each student who meets the program requirements.

7 Section 3. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 To implement the state seal of literacy program, the secretary of state shall:

- 9 (1) Authorize the Department of Education to purchase stickers containing a full color
10 reproduction of the seal of the State of South Dakota in a size large enough for the
11 state motto to be legible; and
- 12 (2) Authorize the department to issue to participating school districts, nonpublic schools,
13 and persons providing alternative instruction one sticker for each student who meets
14 the requirements in section 4 of this Act.

15 Section 4. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

16 The Board of Education Standards shall, in rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26,
17 establish the requirements a student shall meet in order to be awarded a state seal of civics
18 literacy. The requirements shall exceed the social studies requirements for graduation
19 established by the board under § 13-1-12.1, and shall, at a minimum, include demonstrated
20 competencies in the following:

- 21 (1) The basic principles of American democracy and how those principles are applied in
22 a republican form of government;
- 23 (2) The Constitutions of the United States and of this state;
- 24 (3) The founding documents and how those documents shape the nature and function of

1 the government; and

2 (4) Landmark United States Supreme Court cases and the impact of those cases on law
3 and society.

4 In developing the requirements, the board shall review the best practices for civic learning
5 and engagement and solicit the advice of current classroom teachers who teach the subjects of
6 history or social science, including government, in a secondary school in the state.

7 Section 5. That chapter 13-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 At the conclusion of each school year, the Department of Education shall report to the
9 Governor, to the Legislature, and to the secretary of state the number of students who met the
10 requirements of this Act and were awarded a state seal of civics literacy.