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SENATE BILL NO. 127

Introduced by: Senators Heineman (Phyllis), Begalka, Curd, Jones (Chuck), Kirkeby, Krebs, Novstrup (Al), Rampelberg, Soholt, Van Gerpen, Vehle, and Welke and Representatives Sly, Bartling, Craig, Gibson, Greenfield, Johns, Killer, May, Mickelson, Olson (Betty), Otten (Herman), Parsley, Rounds, Tyler, and Wick

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to make an appropriation to fund the Teach for America
2 grant program.

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

4 Section 1. That § 13-55-62 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-55-62. There is hereby created a Teach for America grant program within the Department
6 of Education. The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding to Teach for America, a
7 nonprofit organization that provides alternative teacher recruitment and placement in public
8 schools in which a majority of the students are from low-income households. Through the grant
9 program, the state will partner with private contributors to fund an expansion of the Teach for
10 America program in the state that will allow the number of teachers placed to grow from fifty-
11 seven to one hundred by 2015. The expansion will allow Teach for America to positively impact
12 two-thirds of the Native American students on reservations in the state and more than half of
13 the Native American students statewide, and to strengthen its efforts to improve the academic
14 achievement of low-income, Native American students and to increase the educational



1 opportunities afforded them.

2 Funding ~~through~~ appropriated for the grant program in fiscal year 2014 shall be provided
3 to Teach for America over a period of four fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2012. Funding
4 appropriated for the grant program pursuant to this Act shall be provided to Teach for America
5 over a period of four fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2014. The amount of the grants provided
6 pursuant to this section and § 13-55-63 shall be based upon the amount of matching funds
7 received by Teach for America from private contributors, but the total amount of all grants
8 provided may not exceed the total amount of money appropriated for the grant fund.

9 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of five hundred
10 thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of
11 Education to provide funding for the Teach for America grant program established in § 13-55-
12 62.

13 Section 3. The secretary of education shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw
14 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

15 Section 4. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
16 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.