

State of South Dakota

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2019

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SENATE BILL NO. 141

Introduced by: Senators Jensen (Phil), Blare, DiSanto, Monroe, Nelson, and Stalzer and
Representatives Goodwin, Brunner, Frye-Mueller, Gosch, Howard, Weis, and
Zikmund

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the administration of certain assessments in
2 a paper format.

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

4 Section 1. That § 13-3-55 be amended to read:

5 13-3-55. Every public school district shall annually administer the same assessment to all
6 students in grades three to eight, inclusive, and in grade eleven. The assessment shall measure
7 the academic progress of each student. Every public school district shall annually administer to
8 all students in at least two grade levels an achievement test to assess writing skills. The
9 assessment instruments shall be provided by the Department of Education, and the department
10 shall determine the two grade levels to be tested. The tests shall be administered within
11 timelines established by the Department of Education by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter
12 1-26 ~~starting in the spring of the 2002-2003 school year~~. Each state-designed test shall be
13 correlated with the state's content standards. Any assessment required under this section may
14 be administered to students in either an electronic or paper format. The South Dakota Board of



- 1 Education Standards may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to provide for
- 2 administration of all assessments.