2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 188

ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to account for educational opportunities provided to students during a state of emergency and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That § 13-26-1 be AMENDED:

13-26-1. School fiscal year--Local board to set length of school term, day and week--Number of hours in school term.

The school fiscal year shall begin July first and end June thirtieth. Each local school board shall set the number of days in a school term, the length of a school day, and the number of school days in a school week. The local school board or governing body shall establish the number of hours in the school term for kindergarten programs, which may not be less than four hundred thirty-seven and one-half hours. The number of hours in the school term for grades one through five may not be less than eight hundred seventy-five hours, exclusive of intermissions. The number of hours in the school term for grades six through twelve may not be less than nine hundred sixty-two and one-half hours, exclusive of intermissions. An intermission is the time when students are at recess or lunch and for grades six through twelve, the passing time between classes.

The minimum number of hours required in this section may be waived by the secretary if the Governor or the President of the United States declares a state of emergency and the affected school is located within the area to which the state of emergency is applicable. The Department of Education shall monitor emergency-related school closures and provide updates to the schools.

When a school must remain closed due to a declared state of emergency, the school district shall forward to the Department of Education, at the time and in the manner requested by the department, a listing of educational opportunities that were provided

to the students during the closure. The department shall consider the nature and scope of the opportunities that were provided during the ensuing accreditation cycle.

Section 2. This Act is repealed on July 1, 2021.

Section 3. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

Senate as Bill No. 188

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk

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Chapter No. _____

Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of _____,

2020 at _____M.

By _____
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 2020

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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 2020
at _____ o'clock __M.

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Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State