



## Summary: 2013 Bills of Interest

The following summary includes active legislation that ASBSD is tracking with peaked interest.

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### SCHOOL SAFETY

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#### HB 1087 – “SENTINEL” PROGRAM

Allows school boards to approve individuals, other than law enforcement agents, the right to carry firearms in and on school property. The bill requires non-law enforcement individuals filling the "sentinel" role to have 40-hours of firearms training and the approval of a local law enforcement agency before implementation of a program.

HB 1087 was passed by the House on a 42-27 vote. It has been assigned to the Senate State Affairs committee. ASBSD opposes the bill.

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### STATE AID

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#### SB 191 – THREE PERCENT INCREASE FOR PSA

Provides the three percent increase for state aid proposed by the governor. The proposed dollar amount for the 2013-14 school year's per-student allocation would be \$4,625.73, which is an increase of \$134.73 from this year. The bill also eliminates the provision of state aid effort proportion being set at 53 percent and would increase it to approximately 56 percent.

The bill has had a hearing in Senate Appropriations and action was deferred until February 19. ASBSD supports the bill.

#### SB 193 – CHANGES INDEX FACTOR LANGUAGE

Changes the language for the state aid increase from "less" to "more" as it relates to schools receiving a funding increase based on a percentage or the annual adjustment to CPI-W. The bill does not set a cap on the percentage increase for state aid.

The bill has had a hearing in Senate Appropriations and action was deferred until February 19. ASBSD supports the bill.

#### SB 196 – INDEX FACTOR CALCULATION

Modifies the state aid increase to general and special education by providing the increase based on the projected state general fund increase or CPI-W change, whichever is greater. The increase would be capped at six percent.

The bill has had a hearing in Senate Appropriations and action was deferred until February 19. ASBSD supports the bill.

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### CAPITAL OUTLAY EXTENSION

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#### SB 194 – CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS

Extends the provision allowing school districts to use capital outlay funds for certain insurance, energy, utilities and motor fuel costs to 2018. The provision, introduced in 2009, was set to expire in 2014.

The bill passed the Senate on a 29-6 vote. ASBSD supports the bill.

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## TAXATION

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### SB 15 – SPECIAL EDUCATION

Calls for the tax levy for special education be raised to \$1.53 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation and would set the qualifying levy to receive state aid at \$1.33. The bill would seek to set the local to state effort ratio at approximately 60-40. A \$4 million cap on the extraordinary cost fund would also be set.

The bill has had a hearing in Senate Appropriations and action was deferred until February 19. ASBSD is monitoring the bill.

### HB 1239 – INCREASE CERTAIN TAX LEVIES FOR PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Authorizes school districts to implement certain tax levies at 30 cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation for pension and health insurance funding purposes.

HB 1239 passed the House 53-17 and was assigned to Senate Taxation. ASBSD supports the bill.

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## SMALL SCHOOLS

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### SB 96 – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS

Allows school districts with enrollments under 100 to remain open if they are exercising joint powers or intergovernmental cooperation in education, which would allow districts to share services and costs. Districts could share teachers, courses or curriculums among other services while students remain in their home district.

The bill passed Senate and House Education. It is awaiting vote in the House. ASBSD supports the bill.

### HB 1213 – UNDER 100 OPTION

Reduces the amount of state aid and eliminates the small school adjustment for a school district that drops under 100 total students if the district does not reorganize in the two-year window currently allotted by state law.

HB 1213 passed the House by a 56-11 vote. ASBSD is opposed to the bill.

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## ESL INCREASE

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### SB 159 – INCREASED FUNDING FOR ESL STUDENTS

Provides school districts with a 25 percent bump in state aid for each Limited English Proficiency student.

SB 159 passed Senate Education committee and is awaiting vote in the Senate. ASBSD supports the bill.

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## TREATMENT CENTER

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### SB 158 – TREATMENT CENTER FUNDING

Provides state funding for students in treatment centers and clarifies the discrepancy that funding for the student in the treatment center is provided by the home district.

The bill was passed by the Senate on a 35-0 vote and has been assigned to the House Education committee. ASBSD supports the bill.

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## GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

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### SB 180 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PUBLICATION

Publishes the total dollar amount paid to employees for the employer's share of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), retirement, any nonprofessional membership fee, and the average amount paid per employee or officer for health insurance either online or in the designated newspaper annually.

SB 180 passed Senate Local Government. ASBSD opposes the bill.

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## COMMON CORE STANDARDS

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### HB 1204 – ADJUSTING COMMON CORE

Requires the Board of Education to seek legislative approval before implementing any Common Core Standards. The bill would not affect the math and reading standards, adopted by the Board of Education in 2010 and set for implementation by the Department of Education in 2014, but would require any further standards be approved by the legislature before implementation.

The bill passed the House Education committee. ASBSD opposes the bill.

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## SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING

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### HB 1164 – INNOVATION GRANT

Appropriates one-time funding for an innovation grant program for school districts to utilize technology in creative and innovative ways to enhance learning and achievement of their students. Dollars would be provided from surplus funds for the 2014-15 school year. A dollar amount has not been specified.

The bill passed the House by a 60-9 vote and has been assigned to Senate Education. ASBSD is monitoring the bill.

### HB 1183 – HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Appropriates funds for a home-based educational technology program for low-income preschool children to prepare them for school. The program would provide a computer and Internet service to provide instruction on reading, math and science subjects, which children would spend 15-20 minutes per day working on. Funding for the program would be appropriated from the general fund. A dollar amount has not been specified.

HB 1183 passed House Education. ASBSD is opposed to the bill.

### SB 76 – EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Creates an innovation grant program for ESAs and school districts. There is no dollar amount specified, but funds would be appropriated from the general fund. The state Board of Education would select recipients from an applicant pool. Applicants must have matching funds to be eligible.

The bill is awaiting action by the Senate Appropriations committee. ASBSD is monitoring the bill.

### SB 188 – TEACH FOR AMERICA

Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund for the Teach for America grant program that provides alternative teacher recruitment and placement in public schools in which a majority of the students are from low-income households.

The bill is awaiting action by the Senate Appropriations committee. ASBSD is opposed to the bill.

### SB 229 – CTE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Appropriates \$1.5 million for CTE programs based on a competitive grant process.

The bill is awaiting action by the Senate Appropriations committee. ASBSD is opposed to the bill.

### SB 233 – CRITICAL TEACHING NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund for the establishment of the Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship program, which would subsequently be funded from the critical teaching needs trust fund. A variety of criteria would be used to award scholarship dollars to students enrolled in critical need teaching areas to encourage them to stay in South Dakota.

The bill is awaiting action by the Senate Appropriations committee. ASBSD is monitoring the bill.