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icipating school district. The Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26, to create an oversight board appointed by the secretary of education for approval of applications as well as guidelines for district applications based on district instructional goals, market compensation or other specific district requirements as approved by the department. Participation in the program is discretionary. District applications shall be approved by the local board of education. The applications shall be reviewed by the teacher compensation assistance program oversight board and shall be recommended to the Board of Education for final approval. The Legislature shall review the teacher compensation assistance program in 2012 to determine its effectiveness and to determine whether to continue the program.

Section 56. That § 13-3-74 be repealed. —13-3-74. The Teacher Compensation Assistance Program Oversight Board shall annually monitor the progress of participating school districts with their teacher compensation assistance plans, and submit its findings to the Board of Education. —Section 57. That § 13-3-74.1 be repealed. —13-3-74.1. There is hereby established the Teacher Compensation Assistance Program Advisory Council. The council shall be under the supervision of the Department of Education. The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the House of Representatives to the council, including at least one member from each political party, and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate to the council, including at least one member from each political party. The Governor shall appoint the remaining members of the council, including at least one teacher, one school administrator, and one representative of a statewide education organization.

Section 58. That § 13-3-74.2 be repealed. —13-3-74.2. The council shall examine how teacher quality and teacher salaries in the state can be enhanced, and how the funds appropriated in fiscal year 2010 and in subsequent fiscal years by the state for the teacher compensation assistance program established in § 13-3-73 can best be utilized to assist in that effort. The council shall consider a variety of issues surrounding teachers including market compensation, a tiered licensure system, a system for evaluating teachers, mentoring and induction programs for teachers, and continuing contracts for teachers. —Section 59. That § 13-3-74.3 be repealed. —13-3-74.3. The council shall complete its work and the secretary of education shall provide its recommendations to the Governor and to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council no later than November 15, 2008. —Section 60. That § 13-3-75 be repealed. —13-3-75. The South Dakota Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 establishing the application process; application timelines; the guidelines for district applications based on school district instructional goals or market compensation; and a system to monitor the progress of participating school districts with their compensation assistance plans and to ensure that each participating school district is complying with the plan as submitted to the board. —Section 61. That § 13-3-83.1 be repealed. —13-3-83.1. Once all the school districts with approved applications have received their funding pursuant to § 13-3-73, the

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Department of Education may set aside from any funds remaining, a sum not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars from the teacher compensation assistance program appropriation for the purpose of providing grants to educational cooperatives and multi-district centers that employ teachers for public schools. The South Dakota Board of Education may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish the granting process.

Section 62. The following groups shall, no later than January 15, 2013, provide a progress report to the Legislature outlining the work accomplished:

(1) The Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship Board, established in section 2 of this Act;

(2) The Local Teacher Reward Plan Advisory Council established in section 30 of this Act;

(3) The Local Teacher Reward Plan Oversight Board established in section 32 of this Act;

(4) The teacher evaluation work group appointed pursuant to section 40 of this Act; and

(5) The principal evaluation work group appointed pursuant to section 45 of this Act.

Section 63. Sections 47 to 53, inclusive, of this Act are effective on July 1, 2016.

Section 64. There is hereby established the South Dakota Education Reform Advisory Council. The council shall advise upon the implementation of this Act, and shall examine further education reform issues including:

(1) The advantages and disadvantages of initiatives designed to provide for increased compensation for teachers;

(2) Future teaching areas of critical need, and solutions to recruit, retain, and train teachers in these critical need areas; and

(3) Other ideas to improve student achievement.

The council shall report its initial findings to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 1, 2012.

Section 65. The South Dakota Education Reform Advisory Council established in section 64 of this Act shall consist of the following members:

(1) Three members of the Senate, including at least one member of each political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(2) Three members of the House of Representatives, including a member of each political party, appointed by the speaker of the House;

(3) The secretary of the Department of Education, who will serve as chair;

(4) Three superintendents, jointly appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House;

(5) Three principals, one each from an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school, jointly appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House;

(6) Five teachers, jointly appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House;

(7) Three school board members, jointly appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House;

(8) One member of the Board of Regents, selected by the board;

(9) One representative of the postsecondary technical institutes, selected by the presidents of the respective institutions;

(10) One representative selected by the School Administrators of South Dakota;

(11) One representative selected by the South Dakota Education Association; and

(12) One representative selected by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

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Fight

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senior, she has participated in the school's "No Limits" chapter since she was a freshman. This year, she became Crofton's first member on the state youth leadership board.

No Limits is Nebraska's only youth-led tobacco prevention movement. Since its founding in 2001, No Limits has worked to reduce the influence of the tobacco industry on Nebraska's youth. Through peer-to-peer education and youth empowerment, No Limits gives Nebraska teens the know-how, the skills and the resources to take a stand against Big Tobacco.

Monaghan said it's crucial to reach young people — even in grade school — to fight tobacco use.

"We are trying to prevent anybody from getting started in the first place," she said. "When you're a teen, there's a lot of peer pressure. People say, 'Let's smoke, it's cool.' But it's not true. It's not something you want to do and get addicted. There are major consequences, and it's very hard to quit."

The statistics bear out Monaghan's fears.

In 2012, a surgeon general report showed nearly 90 percent of smokers had started in their teens or earlier. In Nebraska, smoking kills 2,200 people each year, and approximately 15 percent of high school students are daily tobacco users.

Monaghan provides powerful leadership in Nebraska's teen anti-tobacco effort, according to advisor Jack Freeman. A registered nurse, Freeman works with the No Limits chapters in the Crofton, Wynot and Hartington Public schools.

"Olivia has always been one of our most enthusiastic members of Crofton's No Limits chapter," Freeman said. "She is able to motivate the other students here and get them excited about the activities we do in our community to show students how Big Tobacco targets them."

Mission

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population of about 2 million, and is roughly the size of the state of Maryland

Mary Milroy, Johnson's mother, said she was concerned for her safety when she heard of the initial location.

"My heart about sank when I heard where she would be initially," she said. "I was a bit fearful for her safety. I told her if she ever feels unsafe to not hesitate to come home immediately."

Johnson said she has been focusing on packing over the last few weeks, and is calm about her trip.

"We are allowed to bring 100 pounds of luggage, and they gave us a packing list and had feedback from volunteers in the country on what to bring," she said. "They suggested a good set of knives because the quality of knives in Lesotho isn't very good. They also said to bring recipes from home but you might have to substitute some local ingredients."

When she arrives in Lesotho, she will be staying with a host family doing training until December. At that point, she will be inducted as a volunteer through December 2014.

"Right now we don't really have the details on where in the country I'll be staying for the two years," she said. "I won't even know too much about the conditions of the country until I get there. I'll find out everything when I get there."

During training, volunteers go through rigorous language instruction along with safety training and integration into the community.

"They want you to have a support network and develop friends and connections within the community, which is a great way to be safe," Johnson said.

As a state youth board member, Monaghan helped organize last Saturday's training session at Bruce Park in Creighton, Neb. This year's training focused on the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Many Nebraska communities have become increasingly concerned with tobacco use in parks and have moved to ban or limit its use in outdoor recreation areas, according to a No Limits news release.

Reducing tobacco use in parks where children are playing can have a positive impact, Monaghan said.

"When a lot of kids are walking around or playing, and somebody is smoking right in front of them, the kids think it's the right thing to do. They are like, 'OK, I can do that,'" she said.

"Once they have that in their minds as young kids, they may start smoking. We talk a lot about trying to get smoke-free parks so they don't get the idea it's the right thing to do. It can make a difference once they are older."

Monaghan has seen the benefit of smoke-free parks and has demonstrated in support at one. As a freshman, she and other No Limits members stopped at Central City, Neb., to support that community's smoke-free park on the way home from a state meeting in Grand Island, Neb.

"We just wanted to get the word out," she said. "We had chants, and people were driving by, seeing us holding up posters. We had some good feedback."

The No Limits students not only learned but showed similar activism during last Saturday's training in Creighton, Freeman said. The students sought to encourage City Council members to adopt a smoke-free park policy.

"Some of the students made signs and held these up near the entrance of the park, highlighting the importance of smoke-free parks. Other students did sidewalk art

esting to see how it pans out. There will be a lot of business lost because of those signs."

According to Eric Strehlow, who runs Gavins Point Guides, those looking to fish should leave their boats at home when the restriction is in effect.

"There is no advantage to bringing a boat up there," he said. "I'm supposed to have a group up there on Saturday, and all I can tell them is, you're better off on the shore. I can't take you where the fish are on the boat."

Strehlow questioned why the Corps doesn't diffuse the flows through more gates.

She departed from Omaha Tuesday, and will meet the rest of the volunteers going to Lesotho today (Wednesday) in Philadelphia for a two day orientation.

Lesotho has a high demand for English teachers.

"English teachers are in very high demand there because a lot of young men go to work in South Africa to send money back to their families," Johnson said. "It helps a lot in South Africa if you have a background in English."

She said that although she might get homesick, she is not planning on visiting her family in Yankton during her two years of service. Instead, with the two days a month of vacation time volunteers accrue, she plans on traveling around Africa. However, her family is planning a visit to Lesotho late next year to visit her.

"I'm really excited to be somewhere completely different and new," Johnson said. "They told us that most volunteers there have either electricity or running water. However, a few have both and a few have neither. I think I would rather have running water if I had to choose."

Despite being fairly calm for her trip, there are still things that make her nervous.

"I'm really nervous because the country is so isolated," she said. "There would never be a time in my life where communication has been so inhibited. Also, the language barrier will be tough to begin with."

The official languages of Lesotho are Sesotho and English. However, many of the rural communities do not have a strong English background.

Johnson said the Peace Corps sent volunteers a phrase book with some pronunciations in it. However, she thinks being in the country will help break down the language barrier.

"What seems like a simple phrase will end up being like 30 syllables," she said. "I'm going to sink or swim with the lan-

with smoke-free air messages," she said.

"Signs were also attached to trees with a smoke-free air message. Eyes and arms were put on the trees, too, to tell those reading the signs that smoke affects trees, plants and wildlife, too, not just people."

The students literally cleaned up during the course of Saturday's training, Freeman said.

"(They) collected cigarette butts throughout the park and were surprised at how many cigarette butts they picked up in a short amount of time," she said, adding one student figured the city's park clean-up cost comes to 10 cents a butt.

The teens from Bristow, Butte, Crofton, Ewing, Fordyce, Hartington, Lynch, Spencer, St. Helena and Wynot also learned about the deceptive marketing tactics of the tobacco industry and strategies to fight back.

Monaghan finds particularly disturbing what she considers tobacco products geared toward teenagers and even children.

"If you look at all the different types of packages and messaging, it's really colorful and pleasing to the eye and ear," she said. "(Tobacco companies) make it look like breath mints or Tic-Tacs or anything like that. Kids see it as something like candy."

The No Limits leadership training will help empower teens to take action, Monaghan said.

"We want to get the word out to teens not to let peer pressure and tobacco advertising get to them," she said.

Creighton doesn't have a No Limits chapter, but the community was chosen for the training session because it represented a central location for the northeast Nebraska students, Monaghan said.

With the town's exposure to No

guage, but hopefully I'll catch on quickly."

Despite not knowing a lot about the conditions she will face, Johnson has learned a little bit about the country by talking to volunteers that served there and doing research.

"The country looks really beautiful," she said. "They have a lot of youth that are shepherds that look over herds."

She said that there is a big tourism industry in Lesotho that features a lot of backpacking and outdoors activities. Lesotho even has one of the only ski resorts in Africa.

"I've heard that the native people are very friendly," Johnson added. "The government has had a very positive relationship with Americans and with Peace Corps members."

She praised the mentors she has had throughout her education, including teachers from YSD.

"The mentors I've had are a big reason why I did so much volunteering in college," she said. "I think this will be a very formative and eye-opening experience."

Johnson is really hoping the experience will be one that challenges her.

"When you do new things that aren't easy at first, you have a lot of room for growth," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing a way of life that most people around the world live like, that is so different than the way we live here."

Johnson plans on keeping a blog of her experiences during her years of service in Africa to let her friends, family and members of the community what she is up to.

"I think this experience will help shape the kind of direction I want to take in the future," she said. "It will undoubtedly change the way I look at things."

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Limits' activities, Creighton High School will hopefully start a chapter, she said.

In the coming months, the No Limits state youth board will plan for its annual Kick Butts Day, when students converge on the Legislature in Lincoln, Monaghan said.

"Last Saturday, we covered how to talk to legislators to get different policies changed. For Kick Butts Day, we talk to our representatives about tobacco issues," she said. "We aren't lobbyists, so we aren't pushing specific laws. But we do talk about subjects like increasing the tobacco tax."

She believes No Limits has already made a difference, pointing to the relatively low percentage of Crofton students who use tobacco products.

"Kids realize the risks and how it's going to affect you when you're older," she said. "They also realize how they are being targeted."

Monaghan said she has enjoyed her time with No Limits, and serving on the state youth board has taken her involvement to the next level.

"Hopefully, somebody else from Crofton will serve on the state board. It's been a great experience, and I have loved every second of it," she said.

"It's so much fun. I learned so much from No Limits during the last three years. No Limits has given me something to work for."

Monaghan believes the students are making an important statement by taking a stand.

"It shows we have a passion," she said. "Our focus is to get the word out."

For more information about No Limits, visit www.NoLimitsNebraska.com or contact Amanda Mortensen, No Limits program coordinator, at 866-FYI-TEEN (866-394-8336) or info@nolimitsnebraska.com.

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themselves in danger in more difficult water downstream and crowding into limited fishing holes.

Ultimately, Wiebelhaus suspects the restriction will mean fewer fishermen in the Yankton area.

"People are going to go elsewhere. That's just common sense," he said. "Where they've got the signs now, I won't even go up there. I'll just put in at Wynot and forget about taking my clients up to Yankton."

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