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HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1302** - 2/11/2008

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Ahlers, Bradford, Burg, Dennert, Elliott, Engels, Feinstein, Halverson, Lucas, Moore, Sigdestad, and Thompson and Senators Two Bulls, Bartling, Heidepriem, Hoerth, Hundstad, Katus, Kloucek, Maher, Nesselhuf, and Turbak Berry

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish notification requirements for certain relatives
2 of children in the custody of the Department of Social Services.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 26-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 If a family service specialist employed by the Division of Child Protection Services within
7 the department is contacted by a relative about the relative's desire to take temporary or
8 permanent placement of an alleged or adjudicated abused or neglected child who has been
9 removed from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the division shall document the contact
10 in the child's file. The division shall send information to the relative within five business days
11 informing the relative of the steps required in order for the relative to be considered for
12 placement. The information shall be sent by first class mail to the last known address of the
13 relative. Nothing in this section prohibits the division from contacting any other person or



1 agency regarding placement of the child.