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SENATE BILL NO. 154

Introduced by: Senators Schlekeway, Fryslie, Lederman, Novstrup (Al), Tieszen, and Vehle
and Representatives Sly, Abdallah, Bolin, Conzet, Hansen (Jon), Hickey,
Hoffman, Hunt, Moser, Wick, and Willadsen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain statutes pertaining to persons required to
2 report child abuse and neglect.

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

4 Section 1. That § 26-8A-3 be amended to read as follows:

5 26-8A-3. Any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, mental
6 health professional or counselor, podiatrist, psychologist, religious healing practitioner, social
7 worker, hospital intern or resident, parole or court services officer, law enforcement officer,
8 teacher, school counselor, school official, nurse, licensed or registered child welfare provider,
9 employee or volunteer of a domestic abuse shelter, employee or volunteer of a child advocacy
10 organization or child welfare service provider, chemical dependency counselor, coroner, or any
11 safety-sensitive position as defined in subdivision 23-3-64(2), who ~~have~~ has reasonable cause
12 to suspect that a child under the age of eighteen has been abused or neglected as defined in § 26-
13 8A-2 shall report that information in accordance with §§ 26-8A-6, 26-8A-7, and 26-8A-8. Any
14 person who intentionally fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.



- 1 Any person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected as
- 2 defined in § 26-8A-2 may report that information as provided in § 26-8A-8.