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SENATE COMMERCE AND ENERGY ENGROSSED NO. **SB 119** - 01/31/2013

Introduced by: Senators Johnston, Begalka, Frerichs, Holien, Krebs, Novstrup (Al), Rave, and Soholt and Representatives Hunhoff (Bernie), Bolin, Erickson, Magstadt, Steele, and Tulson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to ensure freedom of media coverage of high school
2 activities.

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

4 Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

5 (1) "Journalism," the gathering, preparing, collecting, photographing, recording,
6 streaming, broadcasting, writing, editing, reporting, or publishing of news or
7 information that concerns matters of public interest for dissemination to the public,
8 including on the internet;

9 (2) "News media," personnel of a newspaper or other periodical issued at regular
10 intervals, a news service, a radio station, a television station, or a television network,
11 regardless of whether the news media is in print, electronic, or digital format;

12 (3) "School district," the same meaning as in § 13-5-1;

13 (4) "School board," the same meaning as in § 13-8-1.

14 Section 2. No school district or school board may interfere with the right of news media to



1 attend and engage in journalism concerning any interscholastic high school activity or event.
2 The school district or school board shall prevent any school under its authority from interfering
3 with the right of news media to engage in journalism at any such activity or event.

4 Section 3. Each school district and school board may adopt rules governing reasonable
5 accommodations for news media to conduct journalism at all interscholastic high school
6 activities and events. The rules on reasonable accommodations shall allow news media all
7 necessary access to conduct journalism at such events, subject to reasonable limitations for
8 public safety, available space, and the right of the general public to attend such events.