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HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1226** -
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Introduced by: Representatives Novstrup, Deadrick (Thomas), Frost, Gillespie, Kraus, and Weems and Senators Kooistra and Sutton (Duane)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise who may complete home studies for adoptions.

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

3 Section 1. That § 25-6-9.1 be amended to read as follows:

4 25-6-9.1. No person may place a child in a home for adoption until a home study has been
5 completed by a licensed child placement agency as defined in § 26-6-14, the Department of
6 Social Services, or a certified social worker eligible to engage in private independent practice as
7 defined in § 36-26-17 and the report has been filed with the Department of Social Services. Any
8 person who submitted home studies under this section or under § 26-4-15 prior to July 1, 1990,
9 may continue to submit home study reports without meeting the above requirements. A home
10 study ~~conducted by a certified social worker in private independent practice~~ shall include a
11 criminal record check completed by the Division of Criminal Investigation and a central registry
12 screening completed by the Department of Social Services. Any person who violates the
13 provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

