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Introduced by: Senators Kooistra and Schoenbeck and Representatives Gillespie, Cutler, and Deadrick (Thomas)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require notice before relocating a child not living with
2 both legal parents.

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

4 Section 1. If an existing custody order or other enforceable agreement does not expressly
5 govern the relocation of the principal residence of a child, a parent who intends to change his
6 or her principal residence shall, provide reasonable written notice by certified mail or admission
7 of service to the other legal parent of the child. Reasonable notice is notice that is given at least
8 forty-five days before relocation unless the court of record finds good cause for a shorter period
9 of notice. Proof of the notice shall be filed with the court of record unless notice is waived by
10 the court.

11 No notice need be provided pursuant to this section if:

- 12 (1) The relocation results in the child moving closer to the noncustodial parent; or
13 (2) The relocation is within the boundaries of the child's current school district; or
14 (3) There is an existing valid protection order in favor of the child or the custodial parent
15 against the noncustodial parent; or



1 (4) Within the preceding twelve months, the nonrelocating parent has been convicted of
2 violation of a protection order, criminal assault, child abuse, or other domestic
3 violence and either the child or the custodial parent was the victim of the crime or
4 violation.

5 Section 2. The notice required in section 1 of this Act shall contain the following:

- 6 (1) The address and telephone number, if known, of the new residence;
- 7 (2) The purpose for relocating;
- 8 (3) Why the relocation is in the best interest of the child; and
- 9 (4) The relocating party's proposed visitation plan for the nonrelocating parent upon
10 relocation.

11 Section 3. At the request of the nonrelocating parent, made within thirty days of the notice
12 of relocation, the court shall hold a hearing on the relocation. If no request for hearing is made
13 within thirty days of notice, the relocation is presumed to be consented to by the nonrelocating
14 parent.