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HOUSE BILL NO. 1090

Introduced by: Representatives Vehle, Dennert, and Elliott and Senator Hansen (Tom) at the request of the Interim Committee on Education for Divorcing Parents, Visitation, and Custody Task Force

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require that most records and applications regarding a
2 child reference the names and addresses of both parents.

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

4 Section 1. That § 25-5-7.3 be amended to read as follows:

5 25-5-7.3. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, access~~ Access to records and
6 information pertaining to a minor child, including, but not limited to, medical, ~~including~~
7 ~~counseling~~, dental, ~~including~~ orthodontia, optometric and similar health care, and school
8 records, ~~may not be denied to a parent because such parent is not the child's primary residential~~
9 ~~parent shall be made equally available to both parents. Counseling, psychiatric, psychotherapy,~~
10 and other records subject to confidentiality or privilege shall only be released in accordance with
11 statute; but, if available to one parent, shall be available to both. The parents shall make
12 reasonable efforts to ensure that the name and address of the other parent is listed on all such
13 records.

14 Section 2. That chapter 25-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as



1 follows:

2 If either parent enrolls the child in any social, beneficent, religious, or peer group activity,
3 service, benefit, or program for which written application is required, the enrolling parent shall
4 provide the name and address of the other parent on, or supplementary to, the application.

5 Section 3. That chapter 25-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act do not apply in any case in which a court has:

- 8 (1) Terminated the rights of either parent; or
- 9 (2) Restrained either parent, by court order, from contact with the child.

10 Moreover, a court of competent jurisdiction may determine that the application of section
11 1 or 2, or both, of this Act, is inappropriate under the facts and circumstances of any particular
12 case.