2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 72

AMENDMENT 72B FOR THE SENATE ENGROSSED BILL

- 1 An Act to establish the crime of hazing and to provide a penalty therefor.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 3 Section 1. That chapter 22-18 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

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A person commits an act of hazing when, during a student's initiation or admission into any organization operating in connection with a school, college, or university, the person engages in conduct involving forced activity that endangers the physical health or safety of the student or that subjects the student to extreme mental stress. A person who recklessly engages in hazing is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. A person who commits an intentional act of hazing is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. A person who maliciously engages in hazing and by that conduct causes serious bodily injury to the student, is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

For purposes of this section, the term, forced activity, means any activity that is a condition of initiation or admission into the organization, regardless of the student's willingness to participate in the activity.

If a person is charged with hazing under this section, no other violation under this chapter may be charged for the same course of conduct.