AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to ensure freedom of media coverage of high school activities.

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

Section 1. Terms used in this Act mean:

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

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

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

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

Section 2. No school district or school board may interfere with the right of news media to attend and engage in journalism concerning any interscholastic high school activity or event. The school district or school board shall prevent any school under its authority from interfering with the right of news media to engage in journalism at any such activity or event.

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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