



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 59

Introduced by: **Senator Carley**

1 **An Act to require the use of certain geographic terminology in official materials of a**
2 **state agency.**

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

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-19C:**

5 Except as provided below, in written or printed official government material, a state
6 agency:

7 (1) May use only the term "Judea and Samaria," "Judea," or "Samaria" to refer to land
8 adjacent to Jordan that was obtained by Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War; and

9 (2) May not use the term "West Bank" to refer to the land.

10 For purposes of this section, the term "official government material" means an
11 administrative rule, briefing, communication, guidance, material, press release, or work
12 product document prepared by a state agency. The term does not include teaching or
13 research materials used or produced by postsecondary instructors employed by a state
14 agency.

15 For purposes of this section, the term "state agency" means every board,
16 commission, department, division, institution, and office of state government.