



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1187

HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Fitzgerald**

1 **An Act to add coaches to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 26-8A-3 be AMENDED:**

4 **26-8A-3.** Any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist,  
 5 emergency medical technician, paramedic, mental health professional or counselor,  
 6 podiatrist, psychologist, religious healing practitioner, social worker, hospital intern or  
 7 resident, parole or court services officer, law enforcement officer, coach who is subject to  
 8 the requirement of § 13-36-10, teacher, school counselor, school official, nurse, licensed  
 9 or registered child welfare provider, employee or volunteer of a domestic abuse shelter,  
 10 employee or volunteer of a child advocacy organization or child welfare service provider,  
 11 chemical dependency counselor, coroner, dental hygienist, or any safety-sensitive position  
 12 as defined in § 3-6C-1, who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child under the age of  
 13 eighteen has been abused or neglected, as defined in § 26-8A-2, shall report that  
 14 information in accordance with §§ 26-8A-6, 26-8A-7, and 26-8A-8. Any person who  
 15 intentionally fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any  
 16 person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected as  
 17 defined in § 26-8A-2 may report that information as provided in § 26-8A-8.