

## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1187****AMENDMENT 1187B  
FOR THE HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED BILL**

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 of a school activity,~~ teacher, school counselor, school  
9 official, nurse, licensed or registered child welfare provider, employee or volunteer of a  
10 domestic abuse shelter, employee or volunteer of a child advocacy organization or child  
11 welfare service provider, chemical dependency counselor, coroner, dental hygienist, or  
12 any safety-sensitive position as defined in § 3-6C-1, who has reasonable cause to suspect  
13 that a child under the age of eighteen has been abused or neglected, as defined in § 26-  
14 8A-2, shall report that information in accordance with §§ 26-8A-6, 26-8A-7, and 26-8A-  
15 8. Any person who intentionally fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1  
16 misdemeanor. Any person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child has been  
17 abused or neglected as defined in § 26-8A-2 may report that information as provided in  
18 § 26-8A-8.