



2026 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1187**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in  
the:  
House as Bill No. 1187

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2026 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Chief Clerk of the House  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2026

Attest:

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor  
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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State