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SENATE BILL NO. 22

Introduced by: Senators Soholt, Haggar (Jenna), and Solano and Representatives Rozum and Gibson at the request of the Jolene's Law Task Force

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to add emergency medical responders to the list of
2 mandatory reporters, and to update cross references in the section.

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

4 Section 1. That § 26-8A-3 be amended to read:

5 26-8A-3. Any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, emergency
6 medical responder, mental health professional or counselor, podiatrist, psychologist, religious
7 healing practitioner, social worker, hospital intern or resident, parole or court services officer,
8 law enforcement officer, teacher, school counselor, school official, nurse, licensed or registered
9 child welfare provider, employee or volunteer of a domestic abuse shelter, employee or
10 volunteer of a child advocacy organization or child welfare service provider, chemical
11 dependency counselor, coroner, or any safety-sensitive position as defined in ~~subdivision 23-3-~~
12 ~~64(2) § 3-6C-1~~, who has reasonable cause to suspect that a child under the age of eighteen has
13 been abused or neglected as defined in § 26-8A-2 shall report that information in accordance
14 with §§ 26-8A-6, 26-8A-7, and 26-8A-8. Any person who intentionally fails to make the
15 required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any person who knows or has reason to



- 1 suspect that a child has been abused or neglected as defined in § 26-8A-2 may report that
- 2 information as provided in § 26-8A-8.