

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide certain protections for public employees.

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

Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

No department, bureau, board, or commission of the state or any of its political subdivisions may dismiss, suspend from employment, demote, decrease the compensation of, or take any other retaliatory action against an employee because the employee reports in good faith to an appropriate authority a violation or suspected violation of a law or rule, an abuse of funds or abuse of authority, or substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless the report is specifically prohibited by law. The provisions of this section do not apply to any employee who knows the report is false or was made in a reckless disregard for the truth. A state employee who is the subject of retaliation under this section may file a grievance with the Civil Service Commission pursuant to § 3-6D-22. For purposes of an employee of a political subdivision, an appropriate authority includes any human resources department of that political subdivision, if any, any state's attorney, or the attorney general.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1052

Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1052

File No. _____

Chapter No. _____

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Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of _____ ,

20____ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor

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The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State