

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2019

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SENATE BILL NO. 148

Introduced by: Senators Wismer, Blare, DiSanto, Foster, Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Maher, Monroe, Nesiba, Otten (Ernie), Rusch, Smith (VJ), and Stalzer and Representatives McCleerey, Bordeaux, Brunner, Cwach, Dennert, Duba, Finck, Healy, Johnson (David), Milstead, Poirier, Ring, Saba, Smith (Jamie), and Sullivan

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for state employee protection from retaliation
2 for certain communications.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 3-16 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 An employee of the state may not be discharged, disciplined, threatened, or otherwise
6 retaliated against regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, location, or
7 privileges of employment because the employee communicated information that the employee
8 believes, in good faith, to be truthful or accurate related to local or state services, including the
9 financing of local or state services, to a legislator or legislative auditor, or to a constitutional
10 officer.

