House Bill 1041

AMENDMENT 1041A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

An Act to facilitate legislative oversight of settlement agreements involving a state entity or official.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 2-6 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

- 5 <u>In any settlement agreement to which the state, an agency thereof, or officer or employee</u>
- 6 thereof in an official capacity pursuant to chapter 3-19, is a party, the state signatory to the
- 7 agreement shall transfer a complete copy of the agreement to the Executive Board of the
- 8 Legislative Research Council and the Government Operations and Audit Committee within
- 9 thirty days of the agreement's execution date.

Section 1. That chapter 3-21 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

- 11 <u>A nondisparagement or similar clause is void and unenforceable to prevent the</u>
- 12 communication or disclosure of facts to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research
- 13 Council or the Government Operations and Audit Committee as to any state government
- 14 activities associated with any settlement agreement to which the state, an agency thereof,
- 15 <u>or officer or employee thereof in an official capacity pursuant to chapter 3-19, is a party.</u>