

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish notification requirements for certain relatives of children in the custody of the Department of Social Services.

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

Section 1. That chapter 26-7A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

If a family service specialist employed by the Division of Child Protection Services within the department is contacted by a relative about the relative's desire to take temporary or permanent placement of an alleged or adjudicated abused or neglected child who has been removed from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the division shall document the contact in the child's file. The division shall send information to the relative within five business days informing the relative of the steps required in order for the relative to be considered for placement. The information shall be sent by first class mail to the last known address of the relative. Nothing in this section prohibits the division from contacting any other person or agency regarding placement of the child.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1302

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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