

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to establish an ancillary standard in determining the best interests of a child.

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

Section 1. That chapter 25-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

In determining what is in the best interest of any particular child, the court shall consider whether the person whose conduct is under review has ever attempted to influence a child custody hearing by, falsely or without good cause, reporting pursuant to chapter 26-8A that some other person has committed sexual abuse, physical abuse, or abuse and neglect against the child or a sibling of the child. Nothing in this Act effects the confidentiality of records and files relating to reports of child abuse or neglect maintained by the Department of Social Services pursuant to chapter 26-8A.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1228

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

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The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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