



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1132

Introduced by: **Representative Healy**

1 **An Act to add dental hygienists to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse or**
 2 **neglect.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 26-8A-3 be AMENDED.

5 **26-8A-3. Persons required to report child abuse or neglected child--**
 6 **Intentional failure as misdemeanor.**

7 Any physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, emergency
 8 medical technician, paramedic, mental health professional or counselor, podiatrist,
 9 psychologist, religious healing practitioner, social worker, hospital intern or resident,
 10 parole or court services officer, law enforcement officer, teacher, school counselor, school
 11 official, nurse, licensed or registered child welfare provider, employee or volunteer of a
 12 domestic abuse shelter, employee or volunteer of a child advocacy organization or child
 13 welfare service provider, chemical dependency counselor, coroner, dental hygienist, or
 14 any safety-sensitive position as defined in § 3-6C-1, who has reasonable cause to suspect
 15 that a child under the age of eighteen has been abused or neglected as defined in § 26-
 16 8A-2 shall report that information in accordance with §§ 26-8A-6, 26-8A-7, and 26-8A-8.
 17 Any person who intentionally fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1
 18 misdemeanor. Any person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child has been
 19 abused or neglected as defined in § 26-8A-2 may report that information as provided in
 20 § 26-8A-8.