



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1220

Introduced by: **Representative Hansen**

1 **An Act to establish a safe harbor for child survivors of certain forms of human**
2 **trafficking.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 22-23 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 A law enforcement officer who encounters a minor suspected of or known to have
6 engaged in conduct in violation of § 22-23-1, whether or not the officer takes the minor
7 into custody, shall:

8 (1) Immediately report to child protective services that the child is a suspected victim
9 of trafficking;

10 (2) Immediately contact the human trafficking statewide coordinator to initiate and
11 coordinate a service response through the appropriate child advocacy center; and

12 (3) Release the child to the child's parents, guardian, or custodian if it is safe and
13 appropriate to do so, or to child protective services if there is reason to believe the
14 child's safety would be compromised or at risk if the child was returned to the
15 child's parent, guardian, or custodian.