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SENATE BILL NO. 21

Introduced by: Senators Soholt, Haggar (Jenna), and Solano and Representatives Rozum and Gibson at the request of the Jolene's Law Task Force

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to define a child advocacy center for the purpose of
2 addressing child maltreatment.

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

4 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 A child advocacy center is a child-focused, trauma-informed, facility-based program that
6 adheres to national best practice standards established by the national membership and
7 accrediting body for children's advocacy centers, and in which representatives from law
8 enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, forensic interviewing, medical, and
9 victim advocacy disciplines collaborate to evaluate children and make team decisions about the
10 investigation, prosecution, safety, treatment, and support services for child maltreatment cases.

