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Senate Bill 3

Introduced by: **Senators** Tobin, Reed, and Schoenfish and **Representatives** Deutsch, Healy, and Rehfeldt at the request of the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice

1 **An Act to require law enforcement notice to school officials when a student is**
2 **suspected of violating state drug or alcohol laws or of threatening violence.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 26-11-5.1 be AMENDED:**

5 **26-11-5.1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement agency
6 ~~may~~shall provide notice of an incident within its jurisdiction to public or nonpublic school
7 officials and to the parent or guardian of a school student if the incident is one in which
8 the agency has probable cause to believe the school student has violated any provision of
9 state law involving alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, or bomb threats, or has made any
10 threat of violence relating to any school or its students, employees, or property. However,
11 if there is a prolonged criminal investigation and revealing information would jeopardize a
12 successful conclusion to the case, the law enforcement agency may provide the notice at
13 some later, appropriate time. The notice shall be in writing. The information disclosed
14 pursuant to this section to a school official is governed by the federal Family Educational
15 Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as implemented in 34 C.F.R. part 99, as effective on
16 January 1, 2001. Law enforcement shall disclose the information to the chief administrator
17 of a nonpublic school only upon request and upon the execution of an agreement to follow
18 the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) with regard
19 to the information, where applicable.