



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1199

Introduced by: **Representative** Pourier

1 **An Act to establish the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous**
 2 **Persons.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

5 **23A-28C-16. Office of liaison for missing and murdered indigenous person**
 6 **established--Duties of Office of the Attorney General--Promulgation of rules.**

7 The Office of the Attorney General shall establish the Office of Liaison for Missing
 8 and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) to assist with and provide training for locating
 9 missing or murdered indigenous persons. The Office of the Attorney General shall staff
 10 the MMIP with a full-time missing person specialist, pursue federal funding for the MMIP,
 11 provide guidance to the MMIP, and coordinate the functions of the MMIP with the United
 12 States Attorney's Office, the United States Department of Justice, state law enforcement
 13 agencies, and tribal law enforcement agencies. All agencies within the state shall
 14 cooperate with the Office of the Attorney General in order to establish the MMIP, undergo
 15 any required training, and report to the MMIP as required. This office shall be budgeted
 16 through the normal budget process.