



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6008

Introduced by: **Representative Kevin Jensen**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To reauthorize the Mental Health Services Delivery**
2 **Task Force for the limited purposes of monitoring the growth and**
3 **development of current initiatives in the delivery of mental health services,**
4 **reviewing and proposing adjustments to the levels of funding, and ensuring**
5 **that the statutory and regulatory framework complements intended**
6 **outcomes.**

7 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature has recognized the need to address the delivery
8 and administration of mental health services and the challenges involved in effectively and
9 efficiently providing a continuum of mental health services across a vast and varied state;
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11 WHEREAS, during the last three interims, task forces consisting of legislators and public
12 and private sector representatives were appointed to begin the process of identifying and
13 understanding the economic, legal, medical, personal, political, and practical dimensions that
14 delineate the field of mental health; and

15 WHEREAS, from the work of the task forces there emerged the perspective that while
16 regionally focused solutions would require a coordinated effort, ultimately, a regional focus
17 would allow for increased access to multiple levels of mental health services, allow for the
18 provision of such services closer to those needing the services, and ensure that sufficient
19 capacity remains available at the Human Services Center to accommodate those individuals
20 who have acute needs that cannot be appropriately addressed in other community settings;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, in recent months, the strategic approach to implementing a regionalized
23 service delivery model has highlighted several promising initiatives, including crisis
24 intervention programs, jail-based restoration to competency programs, the development of

1 support programs such as Text4Hope and the 988 Helpline, and the regulatory designation of
2 regionally appropriate facilities that will be able to provide services for many individuals who
3 would otherwise have been transported to the Human Services Center; and

4 WHEREAS, now more than ever, it is incumbent that these emerging initiatives be
5 monitored and supported in ways that will allow for their growth, their development, and
6 ultimately their long-term viability within the continuum of mental health service delivery:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth
8 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Executive
9 Board of the Legislative Research Council reappoint the members of the 2020 interim task
10 force on the delivery of mental health services, in order to further the objectives described in
11 this resolution; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council
13 authorize the task force to meet for no more than two days during the 2021 interim, in order
14 to monitor the growth and development of current initiatives in the delivery of mental health
15 services, review and propose adjustments to the levels of funding for the initiatives, and
16 ensure that the statutory and regulatory framework within which such services are delivered
17 complements the intended outcomes for the state and its residents; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force prepare and present a final report regarding
19 the work directed by this resolution to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council
20 on or before December 1, 2021.