

## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1063****AMENDMENT 1063A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to contract for mental health insurance for certain**  
2 **first responder organizations and to declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The ~~Department of Public Safety South Dakota Firefighters' Association,~~  
5 ~~Incorporated,~~ shall contract to provide mental health insurance for volunteer members of first  
6 responder organizations for the State of South Dakota as provided by this section. The  
7 ~~department-association~~ shall award the contract to a provider who:

8 (1) Covers volunteer members of:

9 (a) Fire suppression organizations;

10 (b) Emergency medical services, including emergency medical technicians and  
11 paramedics; and

12 (c) Organizations providing emergency dispatch services to any eligible  
13 organization listed in subsections (a) or (b);

14 (2) Provides a minimum of ten thousand dollars of coverage per covered volunteer;  
15 and

16 (3) Provides coverage for a minimum of three years.

17 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$200,000 to the  
18 ~~Department of Public Safety South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated,~~ for the  
19 purposes authorized by section 1 of this Act.

20 **Section 3.** The ~~secretary of the Department of Public Safety~~ ~~president of the South Dakota~~  
21 ~~Firefighters' Association, Incorporated,~~ shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall  
22 draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

23 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall  
24 revert, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

- 1 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its  
2 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in  
3 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.