



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1063

HOUSE COMMERCE AND ENERGY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Milstead**

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 South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, shall contract to provide  
 5 mental health insurance for volunteer members of first responder organizations for the State  
 6 of South Dakota as provided by this section. The association shall award the contract to a  
 7 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 South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, for the purposes authorized by section  
 19 1 of this Act.

20 **Section 3.** The president of the South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, shall  
 21 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized  
 22 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.