

## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

**Senate Bill 207****AMENDMENT 207B FOR THE SENATE JUDICIARY  
ENGROSSED BILL**

1 **An Act to enact the uniform electronic recordation of custodial interrogations act.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

4 This chapter may be cited as the Uniform Electronic Recordation of Custodial  
5 Interrogations Act.

6 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

7 Terms used in this chapter mean:

8 (1) "Custodial interrogation," express questioning or other conduct by a law  
9 enforcement officer that is reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response from  
10 an individual and occurs when reasonable individuals in the same circumstances  
11 would consider themselves ~~in custody not free to leave~~;

12 (2) "Electronic recording," an audio recording or audio and video recording that  
13 accurately records a custodial interrogation;

14 (3) "Law enforcement agency," any agency of this state or any political subdivision  
15 thereof that employs law enforcement officers and is responsible for the prevention  
16 and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal or highway traffic laws  
17 of this state;

18 (4) "Law enforcement officer," as defined in § 23-3-27;

19 (5) "Place of detention," a fixed location under the control of a law enforcement agency  
20 where individuals are questioned about alleged crimes or status offenses. The term  
21 includes a jail, police or sheriff's station, holding cell, and correctional or detention  
22 facility, and in the case of juveniles, schools;

1       (6) "State" a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the  
2       United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the  
3       jurisdiction of the United States;

4       (7) "Statement," a communication whether oral, written, electronic, or nonverbal.

5       **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

6       (a) Except as provided by sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this Act, a custodial  
7       interrogation, including the giving of any required warning, advice of the rights of  
8       the individual being questioned, and the waiver of any rights by the individual,  
9       must be recorded electronically in its entirety if the individual being interrogated is  
10      a juvenile or if the interrogation relates to a felony. A custodial interrogation at a  
11      jail, police station, sheriff's station, holding cell, or correctional or detention facility  
12      must be recorded by audio and video means. A custodial interrogation at any other  
13      place of detention must be recorded by audio means at minimum.

14      (b) If a law enforcement officer conducts a custodial interrogation to which subdivision  
15      (a) applies without electronically recording it in its entirety, the officer shall prepare  
16      a written report explaining the reason for not complying with this section and  
17      summarizing the custodial interrogation process and the individual's statements.

18      (c) A law enforcement officer shall prepare the report required by subdivision (b) as  
19      soon as practicable after completing the interrogation.

20      (d) As soon as practicable, a law enforcement officer conducting a custodial  
21      interrogation outside a place of detention shall prepare a written report explaining  
22      the decision to interrogate outside a place of detention and summarizing the  
23      custodial interrogation process and the individual's statements made outside a  
24      place of detention.

25      (e) This section does not apply to a spontaneous statement made outside the course  
26      of a custodial interrogation or a statement made in response to a question asked  
27      routinely during the processing of the arrest of an individual.

28      **Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

29              A law enforcement officer conducting a custodial interrogation is not required to  
30      obtain consent to electronic recording from the individual being interrogated. This chapter  
31      does not permit a law enforcement officer or a law enforcement agency to record a private  
32      communication between the individual and the individual's lawyer.

1 **Section 5. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

2 A custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies is not required to be  
3 recorded electronically if recording is not feasible due to exigent circumstances. The law  
4 enforcement officer conducting the interrogation shall record electronically an explanation  
5 of the exigent circumstances before conducting the interrogation, if feasible, or as soon  
6 as practicable after the interrogation is completed.

7 **Section 6. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

- 8 (a) A custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies is not required to be  
9 recorded electronically if the individual to be interrogated indicates that the  
10 individual will not participate in the interrogation if it is recorded electronically. If  
11 feasible, the agreement to participate without recording must be recorded  
12 electronically.
- 13 (b) If, during a custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies, the  
14 individual being interrogated indicates that the individual will not participate in  
15 further interrogation unless electronic recording ceases, the remainder of the  
16 custodial interrogation is not required to be recorded electronically. If feasible, the  
17 individual's agreement to participate without further recording must be recorded  
18 electronically.
- 19 (c) A law enforcement officer, with intent to avoid the requirement of electronic  
20 recording in section 3 of this Act, may not encourage an individual to request that  
21 an electronic recording not be made.

22 **Section 7. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

23 If a custodial interrogation occurs in another state in compliance with that state's  
24 law or is conducted by a federal law enforcement agency in compliance with federal law,  
25 the interrogation is not required to be recorded electronically unless the interrogation is  
26 conducted with the intent to avoid the electronic recording requirement in section 3 of this  
27 Act.

28 **Section 8. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

- 29 (a) All or part of a custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies is not  
30 required to be recorded electronically to the extent that recording is not feasible

1 because the available electronic recording equipment fails, despite reasonable  
2 maintenance of the equipment, and timely repair or replacement is not feasible.

3 (b) If both audio and video recording of a custodial interrogation are required by  
4 section 3 of this Act, recording may be by audio alone if a technical problem in the  
5 video recording equipment prevents video recording, despite reasonable  
6 maintenance of the equipment, and timely repair or replacement is not feasible.

7 (c) If both audio and video recording of a custodial interrogation are required by  
8 section 3 of this Act, recording may be by video alone if a technical problem in the  
9 audio recording equipment prevents audio recording, despite reasonable  
10 maintenance of the equipment, and timely repair or replacement is not feasible.

11 **Section 9. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

12 If the prosecution relies on an exception in sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this Act to  
13 justify a failure to electronically record a custodial interrogation, the prosecution must  
14 prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the exception applies.

15 **Section 10. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

16 If the prosecution intends to introduce in its case in chief a statement made during  
17 a custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies that was not recorded  
18 electronically, the prosecution shall serve the defendant with written notice of that intent  
19 and of any exception on which the prosecution intends to rely.

20 **Section 11. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

21 (a) Unless the court finds that an exception in sections 5 through 8, inclusive, of this  
22 Act applies, the court shall consider the failure to record electronically all or part of  
23 a custodial interrogation to which section 3 of this Act applies as a factor in  
24 determining whether a statement made during the interrogation is admissible,  
25 including whether it was voluntarily made.

26 (b) If the court admits into evidence a statement made during a custodial interrogation  
27 that was not recorded electronically in compliance with section 3 of this Act, the  
28 court, on request of the defendant, shall give a cautionary instruction to the jury.

29 **Section 12. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

1           Each law enforcement agency in this state shall establish and enforce procedures  
2           to ensure that the electronic recording of all or part of a custodial interrogation is  
3           identified, accessible, and preserved throughout the length of any resulting sentence,  
4           including any period of probation or parole extending through final discharge.

5           **Section 13. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

6           (a) Each law enforcement agency that is a governmental entity of this state shall adopt  
7           and enforce policies and procedures to implement this chapter.

8           (b) The policies and procedures adopted under subdivision (a) of this section must  
9           address the following topics:

10           (1) How an electronic recording of a custodial interrogation must be made;

11           (2) The collection and review of electronic recordings, or the absence thereof,  
12           by supervisors in each law enforcement agency;

13           (3) The assignment of supervisory responsibilities and a chain of command to  
14           promote internal accountability;

15           (4) A process for explaining non-compliance with procedures and imposing  
16           administrative sanctions for a failure to comply that is not justified;

17           (5) A supervisory system expressly imposing on individuals in specific positions  
18           a duty to ensure adequate staffing, education, training, and material  
19           resources to implement this chapter; and

20           (6) A process for preserving the chain of custody of an electronic recording.

21           (c) The policies and procedures adopted under subsection (b)(1) for video recording  
22           must contain standards for the angle, focus, and field of vision of a recording device  
23           that reasonably promotes accurate recording of a custodial interrogation at a place  
24           of detention and reliable assessment of its accuracy and completeness.

25           **Section 14. That a NEW SECTION be added to title 23A:**

26           (a) A law enforcement agency that is a governmental entity in this state that has  
27           implemented procedures reasonably designed to enforce the policies and  
28           procedures required under section 13 of this Act to ensure compliance with this  
29           chapter is not subject to civil liability for damages arising from a violation of this  
30           chapter.

31           (b) This chapter does not create a right of action against a law enforcement officer.

32           **Section 15. This Act is effective January 1, 2023.**