

2022 Proposed Interim Studies

Study A

Title of Requested Study:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 608: To conduct an interim study examining local jails and opportunities for collaboration with state correctional plans.

Scope of Requested Study:

[SCR 608 link](#)

Requested By:

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Study B

Title of Requested Study:

Regional Jails

Scope of Requested Study:

To study the correctional atmosphere in South Dakota

Requested By:

Representative Gosch

Study C

Title of Requested Study:

Jails in South Dakota

Scope of Requested Study:

How counties can receive aid or assistance in the cost of providing jails.

Requested By:

Representative Fitzgerald

Study D

Title of Requested Study:

To Study South Dakota’s property tax structure and how to reduce the overall property tax burden

Scope of Requested Study:

The South Dakota Legislature had several bills regarding property tax this year. The South Dakota Legislature should have a comprehensive summer study to consider our existing structure and also how we could decrease the total property tax burden on South Dakotans.

Requested By:

House Taxation

Study E

Title of Requested Study:

Create a task force on regional jail planning

Scope of Requested Study:

To examine administrative efficiencies, cost effectiveness, utilization and need for jails across the State.

Requested By:

Representative Milstead

Study F

Title of Requested Study:

Summer study on regional Jail / Prisons / County's / and State

Scope of Requested Study:

This is important to the state and all regions!

Requested By:

Representative Perry

Study G

Title of Requested Study:

Summer study to determine a definition of resident and refining the accuracy of voter registration.

Scope of Requested Study:

Election integrity starts with the voter registration, if we are not confident that the voter registration file is accurate, how can we trust the results of the election? Voting is a right, but the candidates AND voters have a right to have confidence that only those who live in the state are casting votes. Every year the legislature looks at adding online registration and or online registration changes and the same arguments always defeat the proposals; why? It's because of lack of trust in the voter roles. Even with a verifiable paper trail we can still find problems. This is not a criticism of the Secretary of State or the office, they follow the laws we set. It's time to address it once and for all.

Requested By:

Representative Jensen

Study H

Title of Requested Study:

Study the social and civil implications of both legalized medical and recreational marijuana

Scope of Requested Study:

Study the communities in other states and countries that have legalized marijuana use for medical, recreational or both.

Requested By:

Representative Randolph

Study I

Title of Requested Study:

Surface water quality in South Dakota interim study committee

Scope of Requested Study:

The health of South Dakota's rivers and lakes needs to be reviewed and constructive solutions proposed. Our waters belong to everybody, and leaving certain lakes and rivers polluted year after year is a major policy failure. It impacts our state's health, recreation, beauty, tourism and agriculture. We can do better.

Requested By:

Representative Odenbach

Study J

Title of Requested Study:

Department of Corrections: Facilities Needs, Sentencing Guidelines, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Treatment

Scope of Requested Study:

DOC has requested two studies to examine facilities needs as well as one looking at operations and employment. Legislators should read and discuss both of these. The goal should be to create a 10-year facilities and programs plan. This involves making sure that sentencing for drug crimes (particularly Meth and fentanyl) is conducive to offenders successfully completing rehabilitation before we invest 100s of millions into new facilities. If our focus is increasingly on drug treatment--particularly for women--then we need to ensure that facilities are designed to house counselors and space for treatment.

Requested By:

Senator Nesiba

Study K

Title of Requested Study:

Review the state's child support system.

Scope of Requested Study:

To examine the use of child support referees, the child support obligation schedule, the calculation of imputed income, the abatement of child support obligations, the system for garnishment, and other aspects of the system.

Requested By:

Representative Pischke

Study L

Title of Requested Study:

Property Tax Reform

Scope of Requested Study:

Examine property tax assessment guidelines and alternative taxation methods used by other states. Define the tax base, Determine tax rate. Evaluate administrative options. Mitigate transitional procedures

Requested By:

Representative Ladner

Study M

Title of Requested Study:

South Dakota charter school study

Scope of Requested Study:

How to do some type of charter school for people, especially native american communities.

Requested By:

Representative Bordeaux

Study N

Title of Requested Study:

Child Care Needs Assessment for SD

Scope of Requested Study:

Child care challenges are impacting families, businesses, and communities in South Dakota. This task force should focus on how to help existing child care facilities, create new ones in areas where there aren't enough, retain child care workers, evaluate how to help child care facilities maintain stability, and determine how to make child care more affordable for working families.

Requested By:

Representative Healy

Study O

Title of Requested Study:

Legislative Interim committee studying the programs and services for older youth in foster care and those aging out of the foster care system

Scope of Requested Study:

To examine the programs and services available to support the transition to independent living Barriers to adequate education, housing, employment, healthcare Available federal funding and other funding sources available

Requested By:

Senator Foster

Study P

Title of Requested Study:

Juvenile Justice

Scope of Requested Study:

Scope as last defined in SB 198

Requested By:

Representative Finck

Study Q

Title of Requested Study:

Property Tax Study

Scope of Requested Study:

With recent county evaluations thru the roof, I feel this is our number one problem in our state.

Requested By

Representative Goodwin