



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 10

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Department of Human Services

1 **An Act to expand certification options for interpreters for the deaf.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 1-36A-10.5 be AMENDED:**

4 **1-36A-10.5.** ~~Any~~A person may be ~~certified~~registered as a certified interpreter for
5 the deaf if the ~~—~~:

6 ~~(1) The person is certified by, and in good standing with, at least one of the following~~
7 ~~and the Department of Human Services finds such certification has met minimum~~
8 ~~competency standards as established by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-~~
9 ~~26:~~

10 ~~(1) Certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf;~~

11 ~~(2) Certified by the National Association of the Deaf;~~

12 ~~(3) Certified by the Educational Interpreters Proficiency Assessment with a score of at~~
13 ~~least 3.5; or~~

14 ~~(4) Certified by the Department of Human Services prior to July 1, 2006~~

15 ~~(a) The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf;~~

16 ~~(b) The National Association of the Deaf;~~

17 ~~(c) The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment Center, with a score~~
18 ~~of at least 3.5; or~~

19 ~~(d) Any other entity approved by the Department of Human Services; and~~

20 ~~(2) The department finds that the certification offered by an entity referenced in~~
21 ~~subdivision (1) of this section meets the minimum competency standards~~
22 ~~established by rules promulgated by the department, in accordance with chapter~~
23 ~~1-26.~~

24 ~~A person certified pursuant to subdivision (4) may continue this certification only~~
25 ~~if the person may also be registered if the person was certified by the department, prior~~
26 ~~to July 1, 2006, provided the person maintains registration, completes eighty continuing~~

1 education contact hours every four years, and remains in good standing with the
2 department, ~~and registers annually with the department.~~

3 Any person certified pursuant to this section shall register annually with the
4 department.