



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1063

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Chief Justice

1 **An Act to require the Unified Judicial System to assemble a task force to address**
2 **barriers to services for emerging adults involved in the justice system in**
3 **South Dakota.**

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

5 **Section 1.** The Unified Judicial System shall assemble a task force consisting of at least
6 eleven members to examine barriers to service for emerging adults involved in the justice
7 system in South Dakota.

8 **Section 2.** For purposes of this Act, the term, emerging adults, means individuals who are
9 eighteen to twenty-five years old.

10 **Section 3.** The task force must be comprised of representatives from the following agencies
11 or interests: the Unified Judicial System, Department of Corrections, Department of
12 Education, Department of Labor and Regulation, Department of Social Services, prosecutors,
13 defense attorneys, law enforcement, and community-based providers.

14 **Section 4.** The task force examination must include the following:

- 15 (1) Recommending best practices for supporting emerging adults that are involved in
16 the adult criminal justice system;
17 (2) Creating joint training opportunities for justice system professionals and partners
18 related to emerging adults;
19 (3) Identifying opportunities to expand diversion programming for emerging adults;
20 (4) Exploring ways to overcome barriers to housing and employment for emerging
21 adults;
22 (5) Exploring supervision practices utilized through probation and parole for emerging
23 adult offenders;

- 1 (6) Recommending ways to develop culturally responsive, community-based
2 mentoring programs for emerging adults, and
3 (7) Recommending alternative or additional funding structures for supportive services
4 for emerging adults.

5 **Section 5.** The Unified Judicial System shall present the findings of the task force to the
6 Governor and to the Legislature no later than November 15, 2023.

7 **Section 6.** All expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the task force shall be paid out
8 of funds appropriated or otherwise provided to the Unified Judicial System.