



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6010

Introduced by: **Representative Healy**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature**
2 **to establish a taskforce to study the availability of childcare.**

3 WHEREAS, there has been a significant decline in the availability of affordable childcare
4 options in South Dakota. South Dakota has one of the highest rates of working parents in the
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, the lack of affordable childcare options has prevented many South Dakota
7 parents from entering the workforce, creating financial and emotional hardships for many
8 families, and, in particular, single parents who are trying to balance work and childcare needs;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the lack of affordable childcare is a barrier for parents trying to return to the
11 workforce during a time when South Dakota is experiencing labor shortages and businesses
12 are in need of employees; and

13 WHEREAS, the childcare crisis is complex, and legislators, representatives from the
14 childcare industry, business leaders, state agencies, and community stakeholders are needed
15 to address the crisis:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
17 Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
18 Executive Board of the Legislature is encouraged to establish a taskforce to address the
19 childcare crisis in South Dakota; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the taskforce may develop recommendations and draft
21 legislation to increase affordability and access to childcare.