



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 605

Introduced by: **Senator Reed**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature**
 2 **to authorize and form a legislative task force to study the issues on, and to**
 3 **consider, develop, and report recommendations and propose legislation on,**
 4 **sustainable improvements to the affordability and availability of childcare in**
 5 **South Dakota.**

6 WHEREAS, quality, affordable, and accessible childcare is critical to support South
 7 Dakota's workforce and economic engine; and

8 WHEREAS, the lack of childcare capacity and affordability is keeping parents out of the
 9 workforce; and

10 WHEREAS, the childcare business model has complex workforce issues; and

11 WHEREAS, a task force of legislators, state departments, business leaders, and
 12 representatives of the childcare industry are needed to solve the childcare crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, the task force would focus on inadequate data concerning childcare quality,
 14 capacity, and challenges; lack of affordability of quality childcare for families; and childcare
 15 provider financial and workforce sustainability;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of
 17 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that a legislative
 18 taskforce is recommended to be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the
 19 Legislative Research Council, staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee, and that
 20 the task force report to the Legislature and the Governor before the beginning of the Ninety-
 21 Ninth Legislative Session. The report may include draft legislation and policy
 22 recommendations.