



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 204

Introduced by: **Senator Diedrich**

1 **An Act to expand critical incident stress management to health care facility**  
 2 **personnel providing emergency services.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 34-50-1 be AMENDED:**

5 **34-50-1.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

6 (1) "Critical incident stress," the acute or cumulative psychological stress or trauma  
 7 that an emergency service provider may experience by providing services during  
 8 a critical incident, crisis, disaster, or emergency. Critical incident stress is a strong  
 9 emotional, cognitive, or physical reaction that has the potential to interfere with  
 10 normal functioning, such as:

- 11 (a) Physical, mental, or emotional illness;
- 12 (b) Failure of usual coping mechanisms;
- 13 (c) Loss of interest in the job or in usual social relationships;
- 14 (d) Personality changes; or
- 15 (e) Loss of ability to function;

16 (2) "Critical incident stress management," any consultation, incident briefing and  
 17 debriefing, on-site crisis intervention, counseling, risk assessment, case  
 18 management services, harm prevention, and referral, provided ~~by any person~~  
 19 ~~designated by an appropriate state or local governmental unit or agency~~ to an  
 20 emergency service provider affected by critical incident stress by:

21 (a) Any person designated by this state or a political subdivision of this state;

22 or

23 (b) A health care facility licensed in accordance with chapter 34-12;

24 (3) "Critical incident stress management team," any person ~~designated by an~~  
 25 ~~appropriate state or local governmental unit or agency~~ who is:

- 1           (a) Designated by this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a health
- 2                 care facility licensed in accordance with chapter 34-12, to provide
- 3                 professional critical incident stress management to an emergency service
- 4                 provider affected by critical incident stress, ~~and certified;~~ and
- 5           (b) Certified by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation as a Critical
- 6                 ~~Incident Stress Management~~ critical incident stress management provider;
- 7       (4) "Peer support team member," any person, who is ~~a~~:
- 8           (a) A peer of the emergency service provider, designated by an appropriate
- 9                 ~~state or local government unit~~ this state, a political subdivision of this state,
- 10                or a health care facility licensed in accordance with chapter 34-12, to
- 11                provide critical incident stress management services to the provider, ~~and~~
- 12                certified; and
- 13           (b) Certified by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation as a Critical
- 14                ~~Incident Stress Management~~ critical incident stress management provider;
- 15                and
- 16       (5) "Emergency service provider" ~~or "provider,"~~ any person who provides response
- 17           services during a critical incident, by or on behalf of ~~a state or local governmental~~
- 18           ~~unit~~ this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a health care facility that is
- 19           licensed in accordance with chapter 34-12 and provides emergency medical
- 20           services.