



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 61

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Department of Public Safety

1 **An Act to repeal the Visitation Grant Advisory Group.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 1-36-35 be REPEALED:**

4 ~~There is hereby created the Visitation Grant Advisory Group to allocate funds~~
 5 ~~received by the Department of Public Safety through Part D of Title IV (U.S.C. 651-669).~~
 6 ~~The advisory group shall be composed of three circuit court judges appointed by the Chief~~
 7 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court, two members in good standing of the South Dakota Bar~~
 8 ~~Association with experience in the law of domestic relations, custody, and visitation~~
 9 ~~appointed by the Governor, two at large members appointed by the Governor, and two~~
 10 ~~legislators, one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one~~
 11 ~~appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The terms of the members of the~~
 12 ~~first advisory group shall be:~~

13 ~~(1) One third selected for one year terms;~~

14 ~~(2) One third selected for two year terms; and~~

15 ~~(3) One third selected for three year terms.~~

16 ~~The term of each appointment to the advisory group is three years. No member~~
 17 ~~may serve more than two consecutive three year terms. The members may elect a chair~~
 18 ~~from among the members. The advisory group shall be staffed by the Department of Public~~
 19 ~~Safety.~~