2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 136

Introduced by: ***Senator*** *Reed*

An Act to expand the scope of a physician wellness program and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That § 36-2A-16 be AMENDED:

36-2A-16. The term, "physician wellness program," as used in §§ 36-2A-16 to 36-2A-19, inclusive, means a program of evaluation, counseling, or other modality to address an issue related to career fatigue or wellness in a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under chapter 36-4 or a physician assistant licensed under chapter 36-4A. ~~The term does not include the provision of services intended to monitor for impairment.~~

A student enrolled at the school of medicine at the University of South Dakota is eligible to participate in a physician wellness program.

Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.