



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1232

Introduced by: **Representative** St. John

1 **An Act to create the Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-36:**

4 The Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council is hereby established within the
5 Department of Social Services to facilitate collaboration between the tribes, the
6 department, and other subject matter experts. The council consists of a representative of
7 the department, appointed by the secretary of the department of Social Services, one
8 representative from each of the nine tribes in South Dakota, appointed by the tribal council
9 of tribe, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, and one member of the Senate appointed by the president pro
11 tempore of the Senate. The council members shall serve for two-year terms.

12 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-36:**

13 The Indian Child welfare advisory council shall meet at least four times each year.
14 The council shall choose from its members a chair and a secretary, and the secretary shall
15 keep minutes of each meeting. The council shall make an annual report of the progress of
16 its work to the Governor and the Legislature by January first each year.