

2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1232**AMENDMENT 1232A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

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 communication, collaboration, and cooperation
6 between the tribes, the department, and other subject matter experts; to promote the
7 exchange of ideas and innovative solutions related to Indian child welfare; to expand
8 partnerships with applicable stakeholders, and to assist the department in formulating
9 policies and procedures relating to Indian child welfare.

10 The council consists of a representative of the department, appointed by the
11 secretary of the department of Social Services, one representative from each of the nine
12 tribes in South Dakota, appointed by the tribal council of tribe, one member of the House
13 of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and one
14 member of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The council
15 members shall serve for two-year terms.

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

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