



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1232

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

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 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 the tribe, one member of the
13 House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and
14 one member of the Senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate. The
15 council 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 one time each year,
18 at the call of the chair. The representative of the Department of Social Services shall serve
19 as the chair of the advisory council.