



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 124

Introduced by: **Senator Jensen (Kevin)**

1 **An Act to establish the Incarceration Task Force.**

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

3 **Section 1.** There is hereby established an Incarceration Task Force for the purpose of
 4 providing an independent review of the capital construction and improvement of state
 5 correctional facilities.

6 **Section 2.** The Incarceration Task Force consists of the following members:

7 (1) Two officers of a state correctional facility, appointed by the secretary of the
 8 Department of Corrections;

9 (2) Two wardens or former wardens of a state correctional facility, appointed by the
 10 secretary of the Department of Corrections;

11 (3) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
 12 Senate;

13 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
 14 House of Representatives; and

15 (5) Two representatives of the Unified Judicial System, appointed by the chief justice
 16 of the Supreme Court.

17 **Section 3.** To create a safer, more cost-effective prison system in South Dakota, the
 18 Incarceration Task Force shall:

19 (1) Review the development and improvement of new and existing state correctional
 20 facilities;

21 (2) Review and propose adjustments to the levels of funding for the development and
 22 improvement of new and existing state correctional facilities;

23 (3) Examine best approaches and potential alternative sites for the development and
 24 improvement of new and existing state correctional facilities; and

1 (4) Study alternative approaches to address recidivism.

2 **Section 4.** The Incarceration Task Force shall meet at least six times beginning April 1, 2025.
3 No later than December 1, 2025, the task force shall prepare and present a final report
4 regarding the task force's findings and recommendations to the Executive Board of the
5 Legislative Research Council, the Joint Committee on Appropriations, and the Department of
6 Corrections.

7 **Section 5.** All expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the task force must be paid out
8 of funds appropriated or otherwise provided to the Legislative Branch.