



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

### **Senate Bill 111**

### **ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to permit a court to order family therapy or reunification therapy in a custody or visitation dispute.**

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

**Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 25-4:**

In any custody or visitation dispute between parents, the court may order family therapy or reunification therapy to assist the parties in formulating or modifying a plan, or in implementing a plan, for custody or visitation. The court shall allocate the cost of any therapy ordered between the parties.

There is a rebuttable presumption that, in a custody or visitation dispute between parents, it is not in the best interest of the child for the court to order family therapy or reunification therapy if the court finds:

- (1) One party has been the victim of domestic abuse, as defined in § 25-10-1, perpetrated by the other party; or
- (2) A child involved in the action has been a victim of domestic abuse, as defined in § 25-10-1, perpetrated by one of the parties.

An Act to permit a court to order family therapy or reunification therapy in a custody or visitation dispute.

I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

Senate as Bill No. 111

Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2025 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2025

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State