



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1015

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Chief Justice

1 **An Act to create a pilot program in the Unified Judicial System to develop a pretrial**
 2 **release program.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Unified Judicial System shall conduct a pilot program to allow a committing
 5 magistrate judge or circuit court judge to place a person charged with a misdemeanor or
 6 felony offense under the supervision of a presentence court services officer. The committing
 7 magistrate judge or circuit court judge may impose conditions of release pursuant to § 23A-
 8 43-3.

9 **Section 2.** The Unified Judicial System shall report to the Legislature the results of the pilot
 10 program on or before December 31, 2027. The report must include:

- 11 (1) Information on any pretrial screenings and assessments completed;
 12 (2) The number of cases supervised;
 13 (3) The number of cases in which the person supervised:
 14 (a) Appeared for all scheduled court appearances;
 15 (b) Was charged with a new criminal offense;
 16 (c) Failed to appear at a court date and a warrant was issued by the court; or
 17 (d) Did not have bond revoked by the court; and
 18 (4) Costs associated with the program.

19 **Section 3.** The pilot program will expire on December 31, 2027.