



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 89

Introduced by: **Senator Reed**

1 **An Act to require that counties and municipalities provide emergency medical**
 2 **services within their jurisdictions and create a task force to study the funding**
 3 **thereof.**

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

5 **Section 1. That § 34-11-1 be AMENDED:**

6 **34-11-1.** A county or municipality may~~+~~
 7 (1) ~~Provide or contract for the provision of ambulance services; and~~
 8 (2) ~~Contract~~ contract with another political subdivision or other person for the
 9 provision of ~~moneys to support~~ ambulance services.

10 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-11:**

11 Each county and municipality shall ensure that a minimum level of emergency
 12 medical service is available within its jurisdiction for prehospital emergency medical
 13 treatment and transport.

14 The department shall promulgate rules, in accordance with chapter 1-26, to
 15 establish the minimum levels of emergency medical service that must be available within
 16 a county and municipality. The rules must address:

- 17 (1) Contracts for services;
 18 (2) Response times;
 19 (3) Required staff and licensed personnel;
 20 (4) Treatment and transport protocols; and
 21 (5) Quality assurance standards.

22 **Section 3.** The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall establish the
 23 Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force. The task force shall:

- 1 (1) Examine funding mechanisms to support counties and municipalities in the
2 provision of emergency medical services;
3 (2) Seek input from relevant stakeholders on the provision of emergency medical
4 services; and
5 (3) Provide to the executive board, no later than November 1, 2026, a report
6 containing findings and recommendations for legislative proposals related to the
7 funding of emergency medical services in this state.

8 The task force shall meet no more than five times during the 2026 interim. The
9 task force is dissolved upon the delivery of the task force's report to the executive board.

10 **Section 4.** The Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force consists of:

- 11 (1) The chairs of the health and human services committees of the House of
12 Representatives and the Senate;
13 (2) The chairs of the taxation committees of the House of Representatives and the
14 Senate;
15 (3) Four members of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member
16 of the minority party, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research
17 Council; and
18 (4) Three members of the Senate, one of whom must be a member of the minority
19 party, appointed by the executive board.

20 If the chair of a committee is unable to serve on the task force, the Executive Board
21 of the Legislative Research Council may appoint another member of the committee to
22 serve in the chair's place.

23 **Section 5.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are effective beginning July 1, 2028.