

## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1044****AMENDMENT 1044B  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to implement the rural health transformation**  
2 **program, and to declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated ~~\$500,000,000~~ \$402,000,000 in federal fund expenditure  
5 authority, to the Department of Health, for implementing the rural health transformation  
6 program in this state as authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21 (July  
7 4, 2025).

8 **Section 2.** The Department of Health shall submit quarterly expense reports to the  
9 Department of Legislative Audit and the Legislative Research Council listing expenditures, by  
10 rural health transformation program initiative, using the authority appropriated in this Act  
11 until the authority is exhausted.

12 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state  
13 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

14 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by ~~June~~  
15 ~~30, 2031~~ October 30, 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in  
16 chapter 4-8.

17 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its  
18 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in  
19 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.