



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 139

Introduced by: **Senator Smith**

1 **An Act to revise a provision related to the transportation of an inmate upon**  
 2 **discharge from a correctional facility.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 24-5-3 be AMENDED:**

5 **24-5-3.** ~~If not already provided,~~ Upon discharge of an inmate from a correctional  
 6 facility, whether by parole, suspended sentence, or final discharge, a correctional facility  
 7 official ~~shall~~ must provide ~~every~~ the inmate with ~~suitable~~ ;

8 (1) Suitable clothing, ~~a~~ ;

9 (2) A sum of money to be determined by the secretary of corrections, ~~and~~  
 10 transportation, and

11 (3) Transportation to the place one of the following locations, as chosen by the inmate:

12 (a) The county where the inmate resided at the time of the offense that resulted  
 13 in imprisonment;

14 (b) The county where the inmate received sentence, ~~or an~~

15 (c) A location equivalent in distance upon discharge from a correctional facility,  
 16 whether by parole, suspended sentence, or final discharge to either  
 17 subsection (a) or (b), whichever is lesser in mileage.