



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 89

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Reed**

1 **An Act to create a task force to study the provision of emergency medical services**
 2 **as an essential service and the funding thereof.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall establish the
 5 Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force. The task force shall:

6 (1) Examine funding mechanisms to support counties and municipalities in the
 7 provision of emergency medical services as an essential service;

8 (2) Seek input from relevant stakeholders on the provision of emergency medical
 9 services as an essential service;

10 (3) Provide to the executive board, no later than November 1, 2026, a report
 11 containing findings and recommendations for legislative proposals related to the
 12 funding of emergency medical services in this state; and

13 (4) Review planned expenditures of the Rural Health Transformation program and
 14 evaluate opportunities to incorporate the funds into emergency medical services
 15 funding strategies.

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

18 **Section 2.** The Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force consists of:

19 (1) The chairs of the health and human services committees of the House of
 20 Representatives and the Senate;

21 (2) The chairs of the taxation committees of the House of Representatives and the
 22 Senate;

23 (3) Four members of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member
 24 of the minority party, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research
 25 Council; and

1 (4) Three members of the Senate, one of whom must be a member of the minority
2 party, appointed by the executive board.

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