

2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 89**AMENDMENT 89C
FOR THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ENGROSSED BILL**

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~~ fund counties and municipalities ~~in~~ for 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.

ANALYST