



2026 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1028
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to establish a criminal background check requirement for multistate licensure under the social work licensure compact.

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

Section 1. That § 36-26-13 be AMENDED:

36-26-13. The board shall issue a license as a certified social worker, a social worker, or a social work associate, or a multistate license as provided in § 36-26A-1.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 36-26:

An applicant for a multistate license, as provided in § 36-26A-1, shall submit to the board a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board. The board shall deliver the fingerprints to the Division of Criminal Investigation for a state and federal criminal background check by the division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board, and pay any fees charged for the fingerprinting and the background check.

Upon completion of the background check, the division shall deliver to the board the applicant's criminal history record information. The board shall consider this information in determining whether to issue a multistate license to the applicant. The board may not issue a multistate license to the applicant before receiving this information. The board may not disseminate any information obtained under this section to a person not employed by the board.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in
the:
House as Bill No. 1028

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,
2026 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk of the House

By _____
for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby
approved this ____ day of
_____, A.D., 2026

Attest:

Chief Clerk of the House

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2026
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Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State