



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 139

SENATE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

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 the following, if not already  
 8 provided:

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

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

12 (3) Transportation to the place one of the following locations:

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

15 (b) The county where the inmate received sentence; ~~or an~~

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