

2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 220**AMENDMENT 220A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to authorize a comprehensive study of juvenile correctional and residential**
2 **facilities, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Department of Corrections shall conduct a comprehensive study of juvenile
5 correctional and residential facilities ~~outside of this state~~. The study must include an
6 evaluation of:

7 (1) Best practices in juvenile ~~detention and treatment~~ correctional and residential
8 facilities;

9 (2) Therapeutic pod housing models that prioritize rehabilitation;

10 (3) Vocational training and mental health integration; and

11 (4) Staff-to-youth ratios and safety protocols in non-traditional settings.

12 The study must include on-site inspections and interviews at no fewer than three
13 juvenile correctional or residential facilities outside of this state.

14 **Section 2.** There is appropriated \$50,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
15 Corrections, for the purposes described in section 1 of this Act.

16 **Section 3.** The Department of Corrections shall submit a written report to the Executive
17 Board of the Legislative Research Council of its findings and recommendations no later than
18 September 1, 2026.

19 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Corrections shall approve vouchers and the
20 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

21 **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
22 revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

- 1 **Section 6.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
- 2 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
- 3 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

AMENDED