

## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1294****AMENDMENT 1294C  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to prohibit geoengineering experimentation in this state.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34A-1:**

4 No person may engage in geoengineering experimentation in this state.

5 A violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.

6 For purposes of this section, "geoengineering" means ~~the an~~ intentional, large-  
7 scale

8 ~~intervention in the earth's climate system to counteract climate change by:~~

9 ~~(1) Removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; or~~

10 ~~(2) Reflecting sunlight away from earth alteration or manipulation of the~~  
11 ~~environment, typically involving the release of aerosols, chemicals, chemical compounds,~~  
12 ~~electromagnetic radiation, or other physical agents, which increase air pollution and effect~~  
13 ~~changes to the earth's atmosphere or surface, including solar radiation modification,~~  
14 ~~sunlight reflection methods, climate intervention, stratospheric aerosol injection, cirrus~~  
15 ~~cloud thinning, cloud seeding, and carbon capture and storage.~~

16 The term does not include natural conservation activities designed to preserve or  
17 restore forests, wetlands, grasslands, and other existing ecosystems.