

# 2026 South Dakota Legislature

## House Bill 1252

### AMENDMENT 1252C FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsor.

1 An Act to provide for a study of indigent legal services by the Commission on  
2 Indigent Legal Services, ~~and to provide an appropriation therefor.~~

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

4 **Section 1.** The Commission on Indigent Legal Services shall study and report to the Governor,  
5 the Legislature, and the Chief Justice on how indigent legal services may be expanded in  
6 South Dakota for criminal, juvenile, and child abuse and neglect trial-level proceedings  
7 statewide. The final report must include a recommendation on the proposed expansion of  
8 trial-level indigent defense services and potential alternatives for implementation as well as  
9 identify estimated funding costs.

10 **Section 2.** The Commission on Indigent Legal Services shall present policy recommendations  
11 and any proposed legislation resulting from the study described in section 1 of this Act to the  
12 Governor, the Legislature, and the Chief Justice no later than November 15, 2026.

13 **Section 3.** All expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the study must be paid out of  
14 funds appropriated or otherwise provided to the Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

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