



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

**Senate Bill 89****HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED**

Introduced by: **Senator Reed**

1 **An Act to create a task force to study the provision of emergency medical services**  
2 **as an essential service and the funding thereof.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall establish the  
5 Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force. The task force shall:

- 6 (1) Examine mechanisms to fund counties and municipalities for the provision of  
7 emergency medical services as an essential service;  
8 (2) Examine policies for ambulance service payments, including reimbursement  
9 standards for out of network emergency medical services;  
10 (3) Seek input from relevant stakeholders on the provision of emergency medical  
11 services as an essential service;  
12 (4) Provide to the executive board, no later than November 1, 2026, a report  
13 containing findings and recommendations for legislative proposals related to the  
14 funding of emergency medical services in this state; and  
15 (5) Review planned expenditures of the Rural Health Transformation program and  
16 evaluate opportunities to incorporate the funds into emergency medical services  
17 funding strategies.

18 The task force shall meet no more than five times during the 2026 interim. The  
19 task force is dissolved upon the delivery of the task force's report to the executive board.

20 **Section 2.** The Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force consists of:

- 21 (1) The chairs of the health and human services committees of the House of  
22 Representatives and the Senate;  
23 (2) The chairs of the taxation committees of the House of Representatives and the  
24 Senate;

- 1        (3) Four members of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member  
2            of the minority party, appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Research  
3            Council; and
- 4        (4) Three members of the Senate, one of whom must be a member of the minority  
5            party, appointed by the executive board.
- 6            If the chair of a committee is unable to serve on the task force, the Executive Board  
7            of the Legislative Research Council may appoint another member of the committee to  
8            serve in the chair's place.