



2026 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1232**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to establish principles for a state agency to consider when formulating or implementing a program that has the potential of affecting tribal members on a reservation.**

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

**Section 1. That § 1-54-5 be AMENDED:**

**1-54-5.** It is the policy of the state to consult with a tribal government regarding the conduct of state government programs that have the potential of affecting tribal members on a reservation. In developing or administering any program that has the potential of affecting tribal members on a reservation, the state recognizes the following guiding principles:

- (1) Commitment to cooperation and collaboration between the agency and each Indian tribe;
- (2) Understanding of and respect for the Indian tribes as sovereign nations and the government-to-government relationship between the state and each tribe;
- (3) Regular and early communication with tribal officials;
- (4) Accountability when addressing issues raised by tribal officials regarding the program; and
- (5) Preservation of the tribal-state relationship.

This section may not be construed to confer any substantive rights on any party in any litigation or otherwise.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:  
House as Bill No. 1232

Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Chief Clerk of the House

By \_\_\_\_\_ for the Governor

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Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2026

Attest:

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

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President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State