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# 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1140

AMENDMENT 1140A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

## 1 An Act to provide for a regular review of parenting guidelines.

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

3 Section 1. That § 25-4A-10 be AMENDED:

#### 25-4A-10. Standard guidelines for noncustodial parenting time--

#### 5 **Promulgation of court rules.**

6 The South Dakota Supreme Court shall promulgate court rules establishing 7 standard guidelines to be used statewide for minimum noncustodial parenting time in 8 divorce or separate maintenance actions or any other custody action or proceeding. The 9 standard guidelines shall provide a framework for noncustodial parenting time including 10 frequency and time for noncustodial parenting time; hours or days of noncustodial 11 parenting time; definitions for weekends, holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions; 12 and time periods for summer noncustodial parenting time.

- 13 In establishing the standard guidelines, the court may consider varying ages and 14 circumstances of children and treat varying ages and circumstances differently.
- 15 Prior to December 31, 2020, and at least once every five years thereafter, the state
- 16 <u>court administrator shall provide for a public hearing process to review the standard</u>
- 17 <u>guidelines and to recommend any amendments deemed to be necessary.</u>
- 18 The Supreme Court shall establish rules pursuant to § 16-3-1 to provide for a public.
- 19 <u>hearing process to review the standard guidelines and to recommend any amendments</u>
- 20 <u>deemed to be necessary.</u>