

2020 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Concurrent Resolution  
6012**

**AMENDMENT HCR6012D FOR THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS  
BILL**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the right to pray ~~in public schools.~~**

2 WHEREAS, our founders approved the First Amendment of the United States Constitution  
3 that made religious freedom the initial right stated in our foundational document; and

4 WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution articulates the intention  
5 of our founders to prevent governmental interference in the practice of religion; and

6 WHEREAS, the ability of people to worship freely and openly and to live faithfully by the  
7 tenets of their faith is protected by the First Amendment; and

8 WHEREAS, repressive governments around the world persecute Christians and other  
9 religious worshipers, and terrorist organizations carry out barbaric violence against innocent  
10 people because of their religion; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States desires the end of religious persecution around the world  
12 and desires to ensure respect for the freedom of religion; and

13 WHEREAS, in May 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to advance  
14 religious liberty for individuals and institutions;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth  
16 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature  
17 supports the United States Department of Education's guidance entitled "Constitutionally  
18 Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools,"  
19 dated January 16, 2020; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of Representatives provide copies  
21 of this resolution to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to

- 1 the president pro tempore and the secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members
- 2 of the South Dakota congressional delegation.

AMENDMENT