

## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1232****AMENDMENT 1232A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to provide an appropriation for adoption assistance grants.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **25-6-26. South Dakota adoption assistance fund--Creation--Purpose.**

5 There is created in the state treasury the South Dakota adoption assistance fund.  
6 The fund consists of any appropriation by the Legislature for deposit in the fund, together  
7 with gifts, grants, and donations, from private sources, and all income from and interest  
8 earned on the fund.

9 The Department of Social Services shall use the fund to provide grants to families  
10 that have incurred expenses associated with obtaining a home study report, in accordance  
11 with § 25-6-9.1, ~~or that have incurred expenses for an adoption application, for foster~~  
12 ~~care adoption service fees, or for adoption education costs,~~ in order to adopt a child from  
13 the state's foster care system.

14 A grant under this section, ~~if used to assist with the expenses of a home study~~  
15 ~~report,~~ may not exceed the actual ~~cost of charge for~~ the home study report, or ~~five-three~~  
16 thousand dollars, whichever is less.

17 ~~A grant under this section, if used to assist with any other eligible expenditure,~~  
18 ~~may not exceed the actual charge or two thousand dollars, whichever is less.~~

19 The grant is payable to any family upon ~~approval of the petition for finalization of~~  
20 ~~the~~ adoption and presentation of an invoice or receipt to the department.

21 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of five hundred  
22 thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of  
23 Social Services, for purposes of providing adoption assistance grants in accordance with § 26-  
24 6-26.

- 1 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Social Services shall approve vouchers and
- 2 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.