



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1063

Introduced by: **Representative Milstead**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to contract for mental health insurance for certain**
 2 **first responder organizations and to declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Department of Public Safety shall contract to provide mental health insurance
 5 for volunteer members of first responder organizations for the State of South Dakota as
 6 provided by this section. The department shall award the contract to a provider who:

7 (1) Covers volunteer members of:

8 (a) Fire suppression organizations;

9 (b) Emergency medical services, including emergency medical technicians and
 10 paramedics; and

11 (c) Organizations providing emergency dispatch services to any eligible
 12 organization listed in subsections (a) or (b);

13 (2) Provides a minimum of ten thousand dollars of coverage per covered volunteer;
 14 and

15 (3) Provides coverage for a minimum of three years.

16 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$200,000 to the
 17 Department of Public Safety for the purposes authorized by section 1 of this Act.

18 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall approve vouchers and the
 19 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

20 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
 21 revert, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

22 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
 23 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
 24 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.