



2022 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1110**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to revise a provision related to the appointment of a guardian ad litem or a special advocate to represent an abused or neglected child.**

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

**Section 1. That § 26-8A-20 be AMENDED:**

**26-8A-20.** If a child is an apparent or alleged abused or neglected child, the court may appoint a special advocate to represent the best interests of the child and to assist the child's attorney. If a child has been adjudicated an abused or neglected child and is removed from the child's home with the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, the court shall appoint a special advocate if available, and may appoint a guardian ad litem when determined necessary by the court, to represent the best interests of the child and to assist the child's attorney. The guardian ad litem or special advocate is an officer of the court for the purpose of representing the child's best interests. The guardian ad litem or special advocate shall receive all reports concerning the child and may cause the case to be reviewed by the court pursuant to § 26-8A-24.

An Act to revise a provision related to the appointment of a guardian ad litem or a special advocate to represent an abused or neglected child.

I certify that the attached Act originated in the:  
House as Bill No. 1110

Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2022

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
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