



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 162

Introduced by: **Senator Larson**

1 **An Act to establish a biomonitoring pilot program for firefighters and to make an**
 2 **appropriation therefor.**

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

4 **Section 1.** The Department of Public Safety shall establish a biomonitoring pilot program to
 5 test firefighters in this state for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The department
 6 shall:

- 7 (1) Provide for the collection and testing of blood samples, from individuals approved
 8 under section 2 of this Act, for measuring perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
 9 substances;
 10 (2) Disclose the results of the blood sample to the individual who was tested;
 11 (3) Assess health implications that may be attributed to elevated levels of
 12 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the tested individuals; and
 13 (4) Identify regions of the state, if any, where tested individuals experience elevated
 14 levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

15 **Section 2.** The Department of Public Safety may approve an individual for participation in
 16 the biomonitoring pilot program if:

- 17 (1) The individual:
 18 (a) Served as a firefighter in this state for at least one year; or
 19 (b) Is currently serving as a firefighter in this state and has served for at least
 20 one year; and
 21 (2) The individual applies to participate in the program.
 22 The department shall establish the time and manner in which an individual may
 23 apply to participate and shall make any required forms available on its website.

1 **Section 3.** The Department of Public Safety may contract with a third party for any of the
2 following:

- 3 (1) Administration of the biomonitoring pilot program; and
4 (2) Storage of data collected under the program.

5 **Section 4.** The Department of Public Safety, or any third party that the department contracts
6 with as provided in section 3 of this Act, may not disclose the name, address, telephone
7 number, or other identifying information of an individual who participates in the biomonitoring
8 pilot program.

9 **Section 5.** On or before July 1, 2028, the Department of Public Safety shall submit a report
10 to the Legislature that includes:

- 11 (1) A summary of the results and conclusions from the biomonitoring pilot program;
12 and
13 (2) Recommendations for reducing the levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
14 substances in firefighters in this state.

15 **Section 6.** There is appropriated \$200,000 from the general fund, to the Department of Public
16 Safety, to establish and operate the biomonitoring pilot program, as provided for in sections
17 1 to 5, inclusive, of this Act.

18 **Section 7.** The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall approve vouchers and the
19 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

20 **Section 8.** 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 9.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2025.

23 **Section 10.** Sections 1 to 3 of this Act, inclusive, expire on July 1, 2028.