



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1005

ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to modify the requirement for payment of a private home study by the Department of Social Services.

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

Section 1. That § 25-6-9.1 be AMENDED:

25-6-9.1. A person may not place a child in a home for adoption until a home study has been completed by a licensed child placement agency, as defined in § 26-6-14, the Department of Social Services, or a certified social worker eligible to engage in private independent practice, as defined in § 36-26-17. Any person who submitted home studies under this section or under § 26-4-15 prior to July 1, 1990, may continue to submit home study reports without meeting the above requirements.

A home study must include a fingerprint-based criminal record check completed by the Division of Criminal Investigation and a central registry screening completed by the department.

A child who is in the custody of the department may not be placed in a home for adoption until a fingerprint-based criminal record check has been completed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for each adopting parent.

The department shall contribute one thousand five hundred dollars towards the cost of each home study required under this section. The necessary funding must be budgeted and expended through the general appropriation bill, pursuant to chapter 4-7.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

House as Bill No. 1005

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,

2025 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk

By _____
for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby
approved this ____ day of
_____, A.D., 2025

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2025
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Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State