

2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1063**AMENDMENT 1063B FOR THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND ENERGY BILL**

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 South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, shall contract to provide
5 mental health insurance for volunteer members of first responder organizations for the State
6 of South Dakota as provided by this section. The association shall award the contract to a
7 provider who:

8 (1) Covers volunteer members of:

9 (a) Fire suppression organizations;

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

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

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

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

17 At the end the contract funded by this appropriation, the South Dakota Firefighters'
18 Association, Incorporated, or the covered entities, shall be responsible for any financial
19 obligations for continuing or establishing new coverage for mental health insurance.

20 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of ~~\$200,000~~ \$150,000
21 to the South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, for the purposes authorized by
22 section 1 of this Act.

1 **Section 3.** The president of the South Dakota Firefighters' Association, Incorporated, shall
2 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized
3 by this Act.

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

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