



2023 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1063**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to require the Unified Judicial System to assemble a task force to address barriers to services for emerging adults involved in the justice system in South Dakota.**

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

**Section 1.** The Unified Judicial System shall assemble a task force consisting of at least eleven members to examine barriers to service for emerging adults involved in the justice system in South Dakota.

**Section 2.** For purposes of this Act, the term, emerging adults, means individuals who are eighteen to twenty-five years old.

**Section 3.** The task force must be comprised of representatives from the following agencies or interests: the Unified Judicial System, Department of Corrections, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Regulation, Department of Social Services, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, and community-based providers.

**Section 4.** The task force examination must include the following:

- (1) Recommending best practices for supporting emerging adults that are involved in the adult criminal justice system;
- (2) Creating joint training opportunities for justice system professionals and partners related to emerging adults;
- (3) Identifying opportunities to expand diversion programming for emerging adults;
- (4) Exploring ways to overcome barriers to housing and employment for emerging adults;
- (5) Exploring supervision practices utilized through probation and parole for emerging adult offenders;

- (6) Recommending ways to develop culturally responsive, community-based mentoring programs for emerging adults, and
- (7) Recommending alternative or additional funding structures for supportive services for emerging adults.

**Section 5.** The Unified Judicial System shall present the findings of the task force to the Governor and to the Legislature no later than November 15, 2023.

**Section 6.** All expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated or otherwise provided to the Unified Judicial System.