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## Barriers for Emerging Adults Task Force to Meet July 14

PIERRE, S.D.—The Barriers for Emerging Adults Task Force created by HB 1063 during the 2023 South Dakota Legislative Session will meet virtually via Zoom on Friday, July 14, 2023, from noon to 2 p.m. CDT.

The task force was created to examine barriers to service for “emerging adults” involved in the justice system in South Dakota. “Emerging adults” refers to individuals who are 18 to 25 years old. The goal of this task force is to:

1. Recommend best practices for supporting emerging adults that are involved in the adult criminal justice system.
2. Create joint training opportunities for justice system professionals and partners related to emerging adults.
3. Identify opportunities to expand diversion programming for emerging adults.
4. Explore ways to overcome barriers to housing and employment for emerging adults.
5. Explore supervision practices utilized through probation and parole for emerging adult offenders.
6. Recommend ways to develop culturally responsive, community-based mentoring programs for emerging adults.
7. Recommend alternative or additional funding structures for supportive services for emerging adults.

The task force is comprised of representatives from the South Dakota 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.

The Barriers for Emerging Adults Task Force encourages all persons interested to attend, and public testimony is welcome. To join the virtual meeting via Zoom, visit

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86741559575?pwd=aTgzaDNxdVhNdHdZc3k1Z3U5RytsQT09>.

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