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## Indigent Legal Services Task Force to Hold Fifth Meeting

PIERRE, S.D.—The Indigent Legal Services Task Force created by HB 1064 during the 2023 South Dakota Legislative Session will hold its fifth meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, virtually via Zoom.

Task force members will review meeting goals, review a draft final report and recommendations, discuss next steps and take public comment. The draft Indigent Legal Services Task Force Final Report and Recommendations is posted at <https://uj.s.sd.gov/Resources/IndigentLegalServices.aspx> under the link for meeting materials and presentations.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon CDT. The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84250778300?pwd=WGN0WWEybEQ2OUhLQj9UWG52M3gvZz09>.

Meeting ID: 842 5077 8300

Passcode: 043657

Via Phone: 312-626-6799

The goal of the Task Force as stated in the legislation is to:

1. Identify how legal services are delivered in South Dakota to indigent parties in criminal, juvenile and child abuse and neglect proceedings statewide.
2. Recommend ways to improve the delivery of legal services to indigent parties.
3. Recommend methods to provide services for conflict cases where local public defenders may be unable to take cases.
4. Address how to ensure competent representation is provided to indigent parties.
5. Identify potential funding options to ensure delivery of legal services for indigent parties.

For more information on the Indigent Legal Services Task Force, visit

<https://uj.s.sd.gov/Resources/IndigentLegalServices.aspx>.

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