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## **Indigent Legal Services Task Force to Host Listening Sessions to Gather Public Input**

***For Immediate Release***

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The Indigent Legal Services Task Force created by HB 1064 during the 2023 Legislative session will be holding several listening sessions across the state to gather information to inform its work.

The goal of this 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; and
5. Identify potential funding options to ensure delivery of legal services for indigent parties.

The listening sessions are scheduled as follows:

Location:	Date:
Brown County Courthouse Community Room, Aberdeen	May 17 10am-Noon
Roberts County Courthouse, Sisseton	May 17 2pm-4pm
Hot Springs Civic Center	May 19 10am-Noon
Meade County Courthouse, Sturgis	May 22 10am-Noon
Oacoma, Cedar Shores	May 24 10am-Noon
Dewey County Courthouse, Timber Lake	May 31 10am-Noon
Pierre, Capitol Lake Visitor Center	June 1 10am-Noon
USD Knudson School of Law, Vermillion	June 6 10am-noon
Huron Crossroads Hotel and Event Center	June 12 10am-Noon
Virtual Meeting: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89232563204?pwd=bG9PM1VHbWZoTWlCWERoOEJSNk54QT09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89232563204?pwd=bG9PM1VHbWZoTWlCWERoOEJSNk54QT09</a>	June 13 3pm- 5pm

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