

## 2024 South Dakota Legislature House Bill 1088 ENROLLED

AN ACT

## ENTITLED An Act to remove the option for a court services officer to prepare documentation in an adoption proceeding.

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

## Section 1. That § 25-6-10 be AMENDED:

**25-6-10.** Whenever a person, or a husband and wife jointly, petition the circuit court for leave to adopt a minor child, the judge of the circuit court must fix a time for hearing not less than ten days from the filing of the petition. A petitioner may file the petition with the circuit court before the six-month period required by § 25-6-9 has passed. The circuit court may, in the case of a stepparent adopting a stepchild, and shall in all other cases, direct an agent of the Department of Social Services or another competent person to make a careful and thorough investigation of the matter and report the findings in writing to the court. The investigative report must include the history of any previous child support obligations of each prospective adoptive parent.

An Act to remove the option for a court services officer to prepare documentation in an adoption proceeding.

| I certify that the at<br>the:<br>House as Bill No. 10 | tached Act originated in<br>88 | Received at this Executive Office<br>this day of,<br>2024 atM.     |
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|   | Chief Clerk                    | By for the Governor  |
| Attest:   | Speaker of the House           | The attached Act is hereby<br>approved this day of<br>, A.D., 2024 |
|   | Chief Clerk                    | Governor<br>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,                                 |
|   | Duraidant of the Courts        | ss.<br>Office of the Secretary of State                            |
| Attest:   | President of the Senate        | Filed, 2024<br>at o'clockM.  |
|   | Secretary of the Senate        | Secretary of State   |
| House Bill No. <u>1088</u><br>File No<br>Chapter No   |                                | By Asst. Secretary of State  |