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## SENATE BILL NO. 171

Introduced by: Senators Greenfield (Brock), Curd, Ewing, Frerichs, Heinert, Kennedy, Killer, Langer, Maher, Nelson, Nesiba, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, and Sutton and Representatives Bartling, Ahlers, Glanzer, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Haggar, Lust, McCleerey, Mickelson, Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Qualm, Rhoden, Rounds, and York

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the Government Accountability Task Force to  
2 study government, campaign finance, lobbyist restrictions, and ethics and to declare an  
3 emergency.

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

5 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

6 There is hereby established the Government Accountability Task Force to examine the  
7 issues of government accountability, campaign finance, lobbyist restrictions, and ethics; to  
8 review current statutory protections and recent legislative changes; and to propose potential  
9 legislation to the Ninety-third Legislature. The task force shall consist of the following thirteen  
10 members:

- 11 (1) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members of the Senate;
- 12 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members of the House  
13 of Representatives;



1 (3) The minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate;

2 (4) The minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member of the  
3 House of Representatives;

4 (5) The auditor general shall appoint one member;

5 (6) The Governor shall appoint two members;

6 (7) The secretary of state shall appoint two members who have significant experience  
7 related to working with campaign finance; and

8 (8) The attorney general shall appoint two members.

9 Each member shall be a registered voter of the state as of November 8, 2016, and shall  
10 currently reside in the state.

11 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 The initial appointments shall be made no later than May 1, 2017. Each appointee shall  
13 serve until December 31, 2017. If there is a vacancy on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled  
14 in the same manner as the original appointment.

15 Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

16 The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the Legislative  
17 Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee. The Executive  
18 Board shall designate the chair and vice chair of the task force.

19 Section 4. Expenses incurred by the task force authorize pursuant to this Act shall be paid  
20 from the legislative priority pilot program contingency fund.

21 Section 5. This Act is repealed on December 31, 2017.

22 Section 6. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its  
23 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in  
24 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.