**24:14:14:07.  Surrogate parent.** The rights of a child must be protected by a surrogate parent if no parent can be identified and the contractor, after reasonable effort, cannot locate a parent or if the child is a ward of the state.

 **Source:** 20 SDR 223, effective July 7, 1994; 28 SDR 105, effective January 31, 2002; 35 SDR 82, effective October 22, 2008; 39 SDR 109, effective December 17, 2012.

 **General Authority:** SDCL 13-37-1.1.

 **Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-23, 13-14-1, 13-37-1.1.

 **Cross-References:** Surrogate parent defined, SDCL 13-37-2.1; Surrogate parent acting in place of parent, SDCL 13-37-27.