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## SENATE BILL NO. 99

Introduced by: Senators Schoenbeck, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Duniphan, Hansen (Tom), Kelly, Koetzle, McCracken, Moore, Olson (Ed), and Sutton (Dan) and Representatives Kraus, Cutler, Dykstra, Faehn, Haley, Halverson, Krebs, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Murschel, O'Brien, and Olson (Ryan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a task force to study sexual assault and to  
2 provide for its composition, scope, and administration.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby established the Task Force to Study Sexual Assault. The task  
5 force shall consist of fifteen members. Five members shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives, and five members shall be appointed by the president pro tempore  
7 of the Senate, and five members shall be appointed by the Governor. Not all members appointed  
8 by each appointive power may belong to the same political party. The initial appointments shall  
9 be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this Act. If there is a vacancy on the  
10 task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The  
11 appointments shall include law enforcement officials, prosecutors, victim advocates, medical  
12 personnel, survivors of sexual assault, and representatives of the Division of Criminal  
13 Investigation, the Department of Health, and the Department of Social Services.

14 Section 2. The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the



1 Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee.

2 Section 3. The task force shall gather the data and information regarding sexual assault cases  
3 in the following areas: reporting to law enforcement, number and types of cases, investigations,  
4 available medical treatment, collaboration among agencies, prevention efforts, and emergency  
5 responses. The task force shall make recommendations to assist local entities in responding to  
6 and preventing sexual assault cases. The task force shall submit its final report to the Governor  
7 and the Legislature no later than December 1, 2006.