

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 175

Introduced by: Senators Abdallah, Heidepriem, Knudson, and McCracken and  
Representatives Rave, Engels, Hargens, McLaughlin, and Vehle

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to direct the Office of the Attorney General to study the  
2 creation of a state medical examiner system and to provide an appropriation therefor.

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

4 Section 1. The attorney general is hereby directed to study the composition, scope, and  
5 administration of a state medical examiner system in South Dakota. The study shall gather the  
6 data and information regarding the creation of a state medical examiner system, examine other  
7 states' medical examiner systems, and analyze the range of issues affecting the creation,  
8 organization, and functions of a state medical examiner system. The attorney general shall  
9 consult with all appropriate interests including sheriffs, police chiefs, county commissioners,  
10 criminal investigators, prosecutors, funeral directors, forensic pathologists, the Department of  
11 Health, and the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. The attorney general shall  
12 report findings and recommendations to the executive board of the Legislative Research Council  
13 by November 15, 2008.

14 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of twenty-five  
15 thousand dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the attorney general for



1 the purposes as directed in section 1 of this Act.

2 Section 3. The attorney general shall approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw  
3 warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

4 Section 4. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June  
5 30, 2009, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.