



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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May 27, 2020

Ms. Laurie Gill, Secretary
Department of Social Services
Kneip Building
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Statewide Resource Information System

Dear Secretary Gill,

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2020 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on May 27, 2020.

While the guidance does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The 2019 South Dakota Legislature approved a base funding increase of \$375,000 in general funds for a statewide resource information system. The 2020 Legislature, through the FY2021 General Appropriations Act (House Bill 1294), approved an additional base funding increase of \$436,662 in general funds for a total base budget of \$811,662. It is the intent of the JCA that an annual report be provided no later than November 1 of each year detailing the following items supported through this funding:

- Outcomes, goals, and/or identified metrics;
- Number of calls/emails/texts received;
- Purpose of or type of calls/emails/texts received;
- Referrals made by type of referral such as mental health, substance abuse, food, shelter, healthcare, legal, employment, housing, etc.;
- Counties/localities participating; and
- Beginning with FY2019, operating budget versus actual expenditures.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Representative Chris Karr
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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