



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1232

Introduced by: **Representative Olson**

1 **An Act to provide an appropriation for adoption assistance grants.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **25-6-26. South Dakota adoption assistance fund--Creation--Purpose.**

5 There is created in the state treasury the South Dakota adoption assistance fund.  
 6 The fund consists of any appropriation by the Legislature for deposit in the fund, together  
 7 with gifts, grants, and donations, from private sources, and all income from and interest  
 8 earned on the fund.

9 The Department of Social Services shall use the fund to provide grants to families  
 10 that have incurred expenses associated with obtaining a home study report, in accordance  
 11 with § 25-6-9.1, in order to adopt a child from the state's foster care system. A grant  
 12 under this section may not exceed the actual cost of the home study report, or five  
 13 thousand dollars, whichever is less.

14 The grant is payable to any family upon approval of the petition for adoption and  
 15 presentation of an invoice or receipt to the department.

16 **Section 2.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of five hundred  
 17 thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of  
 18 Social Services, for purposes of providing adoption assistance grants in accordance with § 26-  
 19 6-26.

20 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Social Services shall approve vouchers and  
 21 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.