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## SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 168** - 02/12/2015

Introduced by: Senators Novstrup (David), Bradford, Brown, Buhl O'Donnell, Frerichs, Haggar (Jenna), Haverly, Heinert, Holien, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen (Phil), Lederman, Olson, Parsley, Peterson (Jim), Rampelberg, Rusch, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Van Gerpen and Representatives Johns, Bartling, Deutsch, Feickert, Gibson, Gosch, Haggar (Don), Harrison, Hawks, Hickey, Klumb, McCleerey, Mickelson, Novstrup (Al), Otten (Herman), Peterson (Kent), Rasmussen, Ring, Romkema, Schoenbeck, Sly, Tulson, Verchio, Westra, Wollmann, and Zikmund

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a task force to study elder abuse in South  
2 Dakota.

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

4 Section 1. There is hereby established the Elder Abuse Task Force to study the prevalence  
5 and impact of elder abuse in South Dakota and to make recommendations to the Legislature on  
6 policies and legislation to effectively address the issue. The task force shall consist of the  
7 following fifteen members:

8 (1) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate;

9 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the  
10 House of Representatives;

11 (3) The Governor shall appoint three members who have significant experience working  
12 with issues related to elder abuse;



1       (4)    The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint five members who have  
2                   significant experience working with issues related to elder abuse; and

3       (5)    The attorney general shall appoint one member who has significant experience  
4                   working with issues related to elder abuse.

5       Section 2. The initial appointments shall be made no later than July 1, 2015, and shall serve  
6   until January 1, 2016, which shall be the end date for the task force. If there is a vacancy on the  
7   task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

8       Section 3. The elder abuse task force shall be staffed and funded by the Unified Judicial  
9   System, not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

10      Section 4. This Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.