

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0162

Wyoming senior services advisory board.

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Senator(s) Boggs, Geis, Miller, C. and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to a Wyoming senior services advisory
2 board; creating a board, providing for membership and
3 duties of the board; specifying the distribution of
4 revenues; authorizing rules and regulations; requiring an
5 audit and a report; providing definitions; and providing
6 for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-1210 through 9-2-1215 are created
11 to read:

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13 **9-2-1210. Wyoming senior services advisory board**
14 **created.**

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1 There is created the Wyoming senior services advisory board
2 managed by the division on aging. The division shall
3 consult with the board to determine the award of grants
4 under W.S. 9-2-1214.

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6 **9-2-1211. Wyoming senior services advisory board;**
7 **members; expenses.**

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9 (a) The board created pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1210 shall
10 consist of seven (7) members, as follows:

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12 (i) The administrator of the division on aging
13 within the department of health or his designee;

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15 (ii) One (1) member of the advisory council on
16 aging appointed by the governor;

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18 (iii) Three (3) persons who are senior citizens
19 appointed by the governor;

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21 (iv) One (1) member of the senate appointed by
22 the president of the senate;

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1 (v) One (1) member of the house of
2 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives.

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5 (b) The terms of members appointed under paragraphs
6 (a)(ii) and (iii) of this section shall be for four (4)
7 years. Legislators shall serve only for the term of office
8 during which they were appointed. Of the initial appointees
9 under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, two (2) members
10 shall be appointed for two (2) years and one (1) member
11 shall be appointed for four (4) years. The governor may
12 remove any member appointed under paragraph (a)(ii) or
13 (iii) of this section as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. A
14 vacancy on the board shall be filled for the balance of the
15 unexpired term. The board shall select one (1) of its
16 members to serve as chairman.

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18 (c) The board shall meet not less than two (2) times
19 each year. Members shall serve without compensation but
20 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the
21 performance of their official duties in the manner and
22 amounts provided by law for state employees. Members who
23 are government employees or public officials shall be

1 considered on official business of their agency when
2 performing duties as members of the commission.

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4 **9-2-1212. Board; duties and responsibilities.**

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6 (a) The Wyoming senior services advisory board shall:

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8 (i) Review innovative program grants and grant
9 proposals;

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11 (ii) Approve criteria for grant categories and
12 grant applications through rules and regulations
13 promulgated by the division on aging to meet the following
14 public purposes:

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16 (A) To meet the demands of Wyoming's
17 growing elderly population;

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19 (B) To enhance services to Wyoming's senior
20 citizens;

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22 (C) To strengthen the opportunity for
23 senior citizens to age in the least restrictive environment
24 possible;

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(D) To be cost effective in the provision
of services to senior citizens;

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(E) To promote compliance with federal and
state mandates requiring placement of people in the least
restrictive environment; and

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(F) To supplement and enhance existing
programs providing services to senior citizens in the
state.

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(iii) Review and monitor the expenditure of
monies awarded under W.S. 9-2-1214; and

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(iv) Consider other necessary matters.

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(b) In fulfilling its duties under subsection (a) of
this section, the board shall:

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(i) Consult with the division on aging and the
advisory council on aging appointed pursuant to W.S.
9-2-1206, as necessary;

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1 (ii) Accept federal grants and other
2 contributions, grants, gifts, bequests and donations from
3 any source.

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5 **9-2-1213. Division on aging; duties.**

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7 (a) The division on aging shall:

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9 (i) Maintain, manage and be responsible for the
10 distribution of the funds appropriated for distribution
11 under W.S. 9-2-1214;

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13 (ii) In consultation with the board, promulgate
14 reasonable rules and regulations in accordance with the
15 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act to implement the
16 provisions of W.S. 9-2-1210 through 9-2-1215;

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18 (iii) Disburse the funds appropriated in
19 accordance with awards made by the board pursuant to W.S.
20 9-2-1214.

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22 **9-2-1214. Disbursement of grants.**

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1 (a) From the funds available for distribution, the
2 board may award grants to senior centers throughout the
3 state to support the purposes specified in W.S.
4 9-2-1212(a)(ii). The division on aging shall disburse the
5 funds in accordance with awards made by the board under
6 this section.

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8 (b) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, unobligated or
9 unencumbered funds retained by the division on aging under
10 this paragraph shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal
11 period and shall remain available for distribution as
12 provided in this section.

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14 (c) The division on aging, in consultation with the
15 board, shall by rule and regulation establish a formula for
16 distribution of funds available for distribution under this
17 section as follows:

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19 (i) Each eligible senior center in the state may
20 receive a basic grant not to exceed five thousand dollars
21 (\$5,000.00) from the funds available for distribution;

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23 (ii) Of the amounts remaining after the basic
24 grants are awarded, the board shall award grants to

1 eligible senior centers based on the formula developed by
2 the division on aging and approved by the board.

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4 (d) Funds received under this section shall not be
5 used to supplant local government funding.

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7 **9-2-1215. Biennial report by board.**

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9 Beginning September 1, 2003, the division on aging shall
10 report to the board, the governor and the joint labor,
11 health and social services interim committee no later than
12 September 1 of each odd-numbered year with respect to the
13 grants awarded, and how those grants have benefited senior
14 citizens in the state.

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1201(a) is amended to read:

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18 **9-2-1201. Definitions.**

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20 (a) As used in this act:

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22 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming senior services
23 advisory board created by W.S. 9-2-1211;

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1 (ii) "Division on aging" means the division
2 within the Wyoming department of health designated pursuant
3 to W.S. 9-2-1302(a)(iv);

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5 (iii) "Senior center" means an organization that
6 receives funds under the federal administration on aging
7 Title IIIB supportive services program or Title IIIC
8 nutrition program, excluding organizations that only
9 receive Title IIIB supportive services funds used
10 exclusively for transportation. The term "senior center"
11 may include a community facility or statewide service,
12 which is the focal point for providing a broad spectrum of
13 services including health, mental health, social,
14 nutritional, recreational and educational services for
15 senior citizens;

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17 ~~(ii)~~(iv) "Senior citizen" means any person sixty
18 (60) years of age or older;

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20 ~~(ii)~~(v) "This act" means W.S. 9-2-1201 through
21 ~~9-2-1208~~ 9-2-1215.

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23 **Section 3.** There is appropriated six hundred thousand
24 dollars (\$600,000.00) from the general fund to the division

1 on aging to administer the Wyoming senior services board
2 and to provide grants authorized by this act for the fiscal
3 year beginning July 1, 2002.

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5 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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