

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0275

Methamphetamine initiative planning study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Osborn, Cohee, Gay, Gilmore, Goggles, Harvey, Hastert, Latta, Lockhart, Luthi, Simpson, Walsh and Watt and Senator(s) Anderson, J., Cooper and Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to controlled substances; authorizing a
2 methamphetamine initiative planning study as specified;
3 requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the
12 department of health to conduct a methamphetamine
13 initiative planning study. The department shall:

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1 (i) Review the scope of the methamphetamine
2 problem as it exists in the state, utilizing statistics
3 developed by the division of criminal investigation within
4 the attorney general's office and other sources as
5 appropriate;

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7 (ii) Examine efforts currently being employed to
8 address the problems associated with methamphetamine use,
9 its prevention, correction and treatment including efforts
10 by the department of health, the state's education system,
11 law enforcement, the courts, social service agencies, local
12 governments and the department of corrections and probation
13 and parole;

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15 (iii) Determine the number of persons being
16 treated for methamphetamine use, or needing treatment for
17 methamphetamine use, within the state and the number of
18 existing treatment beds available and potential treatment
19 beds in health care and detention facilities in the state
20 to provide the treatment for those persons in need of
21 residential care;

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23 (iv) Determine the current capacity and
24 potential needs for intensive and other types of out-

1 patient treatment throughout the state by geographic
2 regions;

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4 (v) Examine the existing capacity and procedures
5 for conducting and completing substance abuse evaluations
6 ordered for methamphetamine use, abuse or distribution
7 under W.S. 7-13-1032, including the number of qualified
8 evaluators available and conducting evaluations in the
9 state, the costs associated with the evaluations and any
10 recommendations to improve the capacity, quality,
11 efficiency and effectiveness of the evaluation process, as
12 necessary.

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14 (b) The department of health may contract with an
15 independent entity to perform the study and report back to
16 the department with the results of the study, including the
17 identified need and current utilization of treatment
18 facilities in the state and any recommendations with
19 respect to any new options regarding programs and
20 facilities that may address the current and projected needs
21 for treatment of individuals as a result of methamphetamine
22 use. The study shall identify the needs by geographic
23 regions within the state.

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1 (c) After review of the contractor's report to the
2 department of health, the department shall submit its
3 findings and recommendations to the governor's substance
4 abuse and violent crime advisory board, the joint
5 appropriations interim committee, the joint labor, health
6 and social services interim committee, the joint judiciary
7 interim committee and any select committee studying mental
8 health and substance abuse services no later than October
9 15, 2005. The chairmen of the legislative committees
10 receiving the report from the department shall coordinate
11 efforts to review the problems and solutions identified by
12 the department of health prior to the 2006 budget session
13 of the legislature.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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