

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0308

Methamphetamine initiative.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to methamphetamine and other controlled
2 substances; authorizing programs to address problems
3 associated with illegal use of methamphetamine and other
4 controlled substances; authorizing funding to increase
5 access to treatment for persons addicted to methamphetamine
6 and other controlled substances as specified; increasing
7 funding for law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys
8 efforts to prosecute illegal use of methamphetamine and
9 other controlled substances and to address associated
10 problems; providing funding for education and prevention;
11 providing appropriations; and providing for an effective
12 date.

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

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1 **Section 1.**

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3 (a) There is appropriated three million dollars
4 (\$3,000,000.00) from the general fund to the department of
5 health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, to
6 increase access to treatment for persons addicted to
7 methamphetamine and other controlled substances.

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9 (b) Public or private entities may apply for grants
10 under this section to fund access to treatment for persons
11 addicted to methamphetamine and other controlled
12 substances. Grant requests shall be reviewed by the
13 department of health. The department of health shall make
14 recommendations for funding to the governor's advisory
15 board on substance abuse and violent crime, which shall
16 determine the grants to be awarded. Any funds awarded
17 under this section shall not be used to supplant funds
18 currently being used by the public or private entity for
19 the purposes specified in this subsection.

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21 (c) In reviewing and awarding grants under this act,
22 the department of health and the governor's advisory board
23 on substance abuse and violent crime shall consider:

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1 (i) Geographic distribution of treatment
2 resources;

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4 (ii) A projection of the number of persons that
5 will be treated at a facility, using law enforcement
6 statistics with respect to the number of arrests for
7 methamphetamine and other illegal controlled substance use
8 in each region of the state and other data demonstrating
9 need;

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11 (iii) The amount of monies or other forms of
12 contribution public or private entities will agree to
13 provide in matching funds. The local match shall be in an
14 amount of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) for every three
15 dollars (\$3.00) of state funds provided.

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17 (d) To the extent appropriated funds under this
18 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
19 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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21 **Section 2.**

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23 (a) There is appropriated ten million dollars
24 (\$10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the

1 attorney general for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 2005, to provide local governments with grants for the
3 purpose of employing law enforcement officers and
4 prosecuting attorneys, or providing overtime pay to current
5 law enforcement officers to investigate and assist in the
6 prosecution of offenses related to the use, sale or
7 manufacture of methamphetamine or other controlled
8 substances, including related juvenile probation services,
9 creation or augmentation of drug courts and environmental
10 corrective actions necessary to eliminate the hazardous
11 wastes caused by illegal methamphetamine labs.

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13 (b) The attorney general shall establish criteria for
14 reviewing and awarding grants under this section that meet
15 the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

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17 (c) Local governments and the office of public
18 defender may apply for grants under this section. Grant
19 requests shall be reviewed by the attorney general's office
20 who shall make recommendations for funding to the
21 governor's advisory board on substance abuse and violent
22 crime, which board shall determine the grants to be
23 awarded. Any funds awarded under this section shall not be
24 used to supplant funds currently being used by the local

1 government or the office of the public defender for the
2 purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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4 (d) To the extent appropriated funds under this
5 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
6 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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8 **Section 3.**

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10 (a) There is appropriated five million dollars
11 (\$5,000,000.00) from the general fund to the department of
12 health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, to
13 provide funding to local schools for education about, and
14 prevention of, methamphetamine use among students, children
15 who have dropped out of school and children on probation
16 for methamphetamine-related offenses. The department of
17 health in collaboration with the department of family
18 services and the department of education shall prepare a
19 request for proposal for the distribution to Wyoming school
20 districts to provide funding for education about, and the
21 prevention of methamphetamine use among students. The
22 request for proposal shall be issued no later than sixty
23 (60) days after the effective date of this act.

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1 (b) Any funds awarded under this section shall not be
2 used to supplant funds currently being used for the
3 purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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5 (c) To the extent appropriated funds under this
6 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
7 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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9 **Section 4.**

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11 (a) The department of health shall prepare a request
12 for proposal and solicit proposals from interested public
13 and private entities to increase access to treatment for
14 those who are addicted to methamphetamine and other
15 controlled substances. The request for proposal shall be
16 issued no later than sixty (60) days after the effective
17 date of this act. The request for proposal shall:

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19 (i) Solicit proposals to provide treatment as
20 set forth in this subsection;

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22 (ii) Give preference to proposals that make use
23 of existing facilities;

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1 (iii) Require that proposals include an amount
2 of monies or other forms of contributions that public or
3 private entities will provide in matching funds. The local
4 match shall be in an amount of not less than one dollar
5 (\$1.00) for every three dollars (\$3.00) of state funds
6 provided;

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8 (iv) Require the proposals to set forth the
9 manner in which the on-going operations of the program will
10 be financially sustained;

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12 (v) Include other provisions as may be deemed
13 appropriate by the department of health.

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15 (b) The department of health shall prepare a request
16 for proposal and solicit proposals from interested public
17 and private entities to increase access to residential
18 treatment for those who are addicted to methamphetamine and
19 other controlled substances. The request for proposal shall
20 be issued no later than sixty (60) days after the effective
21 date of this act. The request for proposal shall:

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23 (i) Solicit proposals to provide treatment as
24 set forth in this subsection;

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2 (ii) Give preference to proposals that make use
3 of existing facilities;

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5 (iii) Require that proposals include an amount
6 of monies or other forms of contributions that public or
7 private entities will provide in matching funds. The local
8 match shall be in an amount of not less than one dollar
9 (\$1.00) for every three dollars (\$3.00) of state funds
10 provided;

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12 (iv) Require the proposals to set forth the
13 manner in which the on-going operations of the program will
14 be financially sustained;

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16 (iv) Include other provisions as may be deemed
17 appropriate by the department of health.

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19 (c) Not later than October 30, 2005, the department
20 of health, in consultation with the governor's advisory
21 board on substance abuse and violent crime, shall review
22 all proposals submitted pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)
23 of this section.

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1 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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