

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Drug court steering committee.

Sponsored by: Management Audit Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
 2 creating a drug court steering committee to study
 3 administration of drug courts; specifying membership and
 4 duties; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and
 5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created a drug court steering committee
 12 whose purpose shall be to help create a more uniform
 13 administration of drug courts in the state.

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15 (b) The committee shall be comprised of:
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1 (i) All members of the drug court panel created
2 by W.S. 5-10-103;

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4 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate,
5 appointed by the president of the senate. Not more than
6 one (1) member shall be of the same political party. The
7 president of the senate shall designate a cochairman of the
8 committee;

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10 (iii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
11 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.
12 Not more than one (1) member shall be of the same political
13 party. The speaker of the house shall designate a
14 cochairman of the committee;

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16 (iv) Four (4) judges appointed by the chief
17 justice of the Supreme Court. In making appointments under
18 this paragraph the chief justice shall attempt to make
19 appointments from municipal, circuit and district court
20 judges who are and who are not currently participating in
21 the drug court program;

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23 (v) A representative of the University of
24 Wyoming's criminal justice department, appointed by the

1 president of the university. This member shall serve as a
2 nonvoting, ex-officio member.

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4 (c) The committee shall review and make
5 recommendations regarding the following:

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7 (i) State level structural models for drug
8 courts and the most appropriate model for Wyoming;

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10 (ii) Alternative adjudication procedures for
11 drug courts, including the use of court commissioners,
12 magistrates, administrative law judges and hearing
13 officers;

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15 (iii) The progress and value of the department of
16 health's substance abuse division's case management system
17 and means for improvement;

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19 (iv) The state's funding model and its current
20 and most appropriate connection to results in drug courts;

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22 (v) Collaboration between agencies and branches
23 of government in the operation of drug courts;

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1 (vi) Drug court participation by county and the
2 best means to increase drug court participation by counties
3 not participating due to revenue issues;

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5 (vii) Performance measures, as developed by the
6 committee, for evaluation on a statewide basis.

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8 (d) The committee shall report not later than October
9 1, 2007, to the joint judiciary interim committee regarding
10 its findings and recommendations. The committee shall
11 terminate as of December 31, 2007.

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13 (e) Legislators serving on the committee shall be
14 paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as provided in
15 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
16 committee. Judges and any state agency personnel,
17 including the University of Wyoming representative, serving
18 on the committee shall receive per diem and travel expenses
19 as provided in W.S. 9-3-102, paid from their court or
20 agency budget. Other nonlegislative members serving on the
21 committee shall receive travel and per diem expenses
22 incurred for their official duties as members of the
23 committee in the same amount as legislators under W.S.
24 28-5-101.

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2 (f) The committee shall be staffed by the legislative
3 service office. State agencies, including the University
4 of Wyoming, shall assist the committee as requested in
5 conducting its duties under this act.

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7 **Section 2.** There is appropriated for the fiscal
8 biennium ending June 30, 2008, ten thousand dollars
9 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
10 service office to fund the meetings of the committee.

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

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