

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

State fire marshal-coordination.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state fire marshal; providing for
2 grants to local governments for improvement of fire
3 training facilities; providing for rules and regulations;
4 providing a continuous appropriation and other
5 appropriations; authorizing positions; and providing for an
6 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. 35-9-162 is created to read:

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12 **35-9-162. Fire training facility grants; purposes;**
13 **criteria; oversight.**

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1 (a) An account is created to be known as the Wyoming
2 fire training facility grant account.

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4 (b) The state fire marshal may expend funds from the
5 fire training facility grant account for staffing and other
6 administrative expenses authorized under this section and
7 for grants to local governments for the improvement of fire
8 training facilities as provided in this section.

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10 (c) The state fire marshal shall receive and evaluate
11 applications for grants from the fire training facility
12 grant account. Funds in the account are continuously
13 appropriated for grants approved by the state fire marshal.

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15 (d) The state fire marshal shall adopt rules and
16 regulations in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative
17 Procedure Act as necessary to carry out his duties under
18 this section, including rules to:

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20 (i) Establish criteria for grants from the fire
21 training facility improvement account which accomplish the
22 purposes of this section, including the following:

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1 (A) Grants shall be distributed taking into
2 account the training needs of the fire protection community
3 throughout the state;

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5 (B) Grants shall be distributed taking into
6 consideration the accessibility of the facility to a broad
7 spectrum of fire services throughout the state;

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9 (C) No individual local government shall
10 receive grants in excess of seven hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$700,000.00) per year for each facility;

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13 (D) Grants shall only be used for
14 improvement of fire protection training facilities and
15 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of any local
16 government program;

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18 (E) Grants shall be distributed taking into
19 account the recommendations of the state of Wyoming fire
20 training study committee completed in July, 2006.

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22 (ii) Establish criteria for matching funds or
23 other in-kind contributions from grantees which shall not

1 exceed a 10% match requirement and shall be consistent
2 among grant recipients;

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4 (iii) Evaluate, rank and prioritize grant
5 proposals;

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7 (iv) Review and monitor grants to grantees;

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9 (v) Evaluate the effects of grant proposals on
10 the availability and improvement of fire training
11 facilities in local governments throughout the state.

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13 (e) The state fire marshal shall annually report to
14 the governor, the joint appropriations interim committee
15 and the joint corporations, elections and political
16 subdivisions interim committee no later than December 1
17 with respect to all grants awarded and progress made by the
18 recipient of all grants awarded under this section.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) There is appropriated three million two hundred
23 thirty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars

1 (\$3,233,864.00) to the account created by W.S. 35-9-162
2 from the general fund.

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4 (b) The state fire marshal is authorized to hire
5 three full time equivalent positions to administer the
6 grant program created in section 1 of this act. There is
7 appropriated one hundred forty-six thousand two hundred
8 twenty-six dollars (\$146,226.00) from the general fund to
9 fund these positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
10 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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