

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0006

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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15 (a) The state fire marshal is authorized to purchase
16 on behalf of the state, for a price not to exceed one

1 dollar (\$1.00), the state fire training academy facility in
2 Riverton. The state fire marshal shall be responsible for
3 all transaction costs involved in the purchase. The state
4 fire marshal is authorized to operate the facility
5 thereafter.

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7 (b) An account is created to be known as the Wyoming
8 fire training facility grant account.

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10 (c) The state fire marshal may expend funds from the
11 fire training facility grant account for staffing and other
12 administrative expenses related to the grant program
13 authorized under this section and for grants to local
14 governments for the improvement of fire training facilities
15 as provided in this section.

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17 (d) The state fire marshal shall receive and evaluate
18 applications for grants from the fire training facility
19 grant account. Funds in the account are continuously
20 appropriated for grants approved by the state fire marshal.

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22 (e) The state fire marshal shall adopt rules and
23 regulations in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative

1 Procedure Act as necessary to carry out his duties under
2 this section, including rules to:

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

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8 (A) Grants shall be distributed taking into
9 account the training needs of the fire protection community
10 throughout the state;

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12 (B) Grants shall be distributed taking into
13 consideration the accessibility of the facility to a broad
14 spectrum of fire services throughout the state;

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16 (C) No individual local government shall
17 receive grants in excess of seven hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$700,000.00) per year for each facility;

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20 (D) Grants shall only be used for
21 improvement of fire protection training facilities and
22 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of any local
23 government program;

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

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5 (ii) Establish criteria for matching funds or
6 other in-kind contributions from grantees which shall not
7 exceed a ten percent (10%) match requirement and shall be
8 consistent among grant recipients;

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10 (iii) Evaluate, rank and prioritize grant
11 proposals;

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13 (iv) Review and monitor grants to grantees;

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15 (v) Evaluate the effects of grant proposals on
16 the availability and improvement of fire training
17 facilities in local governments throughout the state.

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19 (f) The state fire marshal shall annually report to
20 the governor, the joint appropriations interim committee
21 and the joint corporations, elections and political
22 subdivisions interim committee no later than December 1
23 with respect to all grants awarded and progress made by the
24 recipient of all grants awarded under this section.

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Section 2.

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(a) There is appropriated three million two hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$3,233,864.00) from the general fund to the account created by W.S. 35-9-162.

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(b) The state fire marshal is authorized three (3) additional full-time equivalent positions to administer the fire training academy facility and programs created in section 1 of this act. There is appropriated one hundred forty-six thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars (\$146,226.00) from the general fund to fund these positions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

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

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