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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Community juvenile services boards-amendments.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community juvenile services; amending
2 the purposes and intent of the Community Juvenile Services
3 Act; providing definitions; specifying additional
4 participants in multidisciplinary teams; amending duties of
5 community juvenile services boards; amending rulemaking
6 responsibilities; amending grant application requirements;
7 repealing a provision; providing an appropriation;
8 authorizing positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-9-102(a)(i) and (ii) and by
13 creating new paragraphs (iii) through (v),
14 14-9-103(a)(iv)(K) and by creating a new subparagraph (M),

(v)(D) and by creating new subparagraphs (E) and (F) and by renumbering (E) as (G), 14-9-106(b)(iii)(A), (B) and by creating a new paragraph (vi) and (c), 14-9-107(b)(iii) and by creating a new paragraph (iv), 14-9-108(a)(iii) and by creating a new paragraph (iv) are amended to read:

14-9-102. Purpose.

(a) The purpose and intent of this act is to:

(i) Establish, maintain and promote the development of juvenile services in communities of the state aimed at allowing early identification and diversion of children at risk of entry into the juvenile court system, preventing juvenile delinquency and treating seriously emotionally disturbed youth; ~~and~~

(ii) Allow decisions regarding juvenile services to be made at the local level; ~~and~~

(iii) Strengthen and improve community based mental health and substance abuse services for foster family involvement and community placement of juveniles;

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10 **14-9-103. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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(iv) Provide services and interventions to
retain children in school and increase graduation rates;
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(v) Ensure that services the community board
participates in use best practices as defined in W.S. 9-2-
2701(a)(i).

(iv) "Juvenile services" means programs or
services provided to children at risk of coming under the
jurisdiction of the juvenile, circuit or municipal court,
including seriously emotionally disturbed youth. Programs
or services may include:

(K) Remedial education services; 

(M) Juvenile probations and services.

1 (v) "Multidisciplinary team" shall include the
2 following:

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4 (D) The child's psychiatrist, psychologist
5 or mental health professional; ~~and~~

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7 (E) A representative of the district,
8 county or city attorney's office;

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10 (F) Designated employees of the community
11 board; and

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13 ~~(E)~~ (G) If appropriate, the following
14 persons may also be members:

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16 (I) A substance abuse specialist;

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18 (II) A guardian ad litem appointed by
19 the court;

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21 (III) Other professionals or persons
22 who have particular knowledge relating to the child, or
23 expertise in children's services.

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14-9-106. Community boards; powers and duties.

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(b) Subject to this act, a community board shall:

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(iii) Ensure that the community board's system of juvenile services provides for:

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(A) Use of a uniform screening ~~instrument~~ process;

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(B) Assessments of referred children by ~~licensed~~ professionals who may include medical, mental health, social service and educational personnel;

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(vi) Ensure that local resources, including mental health and substance abuse treatment resources, are utilized.

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(c) The community board shall not provide any services to any child without first obtaining written consent from the child's parent or guardian unless participation in the program or service offered by the

1 community board is a condition of court ordered probation
2 or suspension of sentence. ~~A court of limited jurisdiction~~
3 ~~may authorize the community board to provide services to a~~
4 ~~child if, after a hearing, the court finds that the child's~~
5 ~~parent or guardian unreasonably refused to provide written~~
6 ~~consent for the child to receive services.~~

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8 **14-9-107. Department of family services to administer**
9 **block grant program; powers and duties.**

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11 (b) The departments of education, family services and
12 health shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations
13 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act including
14 rules relating to:

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16 (iii) Procedures for distributing block grants; ~~and~~

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18 (iv) Establishment of a single point of entry
19 for juveniles and other standards to be used by the
20 community board for assessing placement of juveniles.

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22 **14-9-108. Grant eligibility; allocation of funds.**

1 (a) To qualify for a grant under this act, an
2 applicant shall:

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4 (iii) Receive certification from the department
5 of family services that the strategic plan developed by the
6 community board addresses the purposes of this act;.

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8 (iv) Have procedures in place establishing a
9 single point of entry for juveniles charged with a
10 violation of state or municipal non-traffic related
11 offenses, driving while under the influence of alcohol or
12 controlled substances or driving with a detectable alcohol
13 concentration.

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 14-9-106(b)(v) is repealed.

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18 **Section 3.**

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20 (a) There is appropriated eleven million four hundred
21 thousand dollars (\$11,400,000.00) from the general fund to
22 the juvenile services block grant account created by W.S.
23 14-9-104 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending

1 June 30, 2010. The funds appropriated under this act shall
2 be used to implement the purposes of this act.

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4 (b) The department of family services is authorized
5 eight-one (81) full-time equivalent positions for the
6 biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010,
7 to implement the purposes of this act.

8 *****Staff Comment*****

9 **The 81 positions would be new probation officers**
10 **at an estimated cost of \$5.7 million/year, based**
11 **on \$70,000/ year salary and benefits per officer.**
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14 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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16 (END)