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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Mental health and substance abuse appropriations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mental health and substance abuse  
2 appropriations; providing appropriations as specified;  
3 specifying conditions; continuing a study of mental health  
4 and substance abuse services delivery systems; and  
5 providing for effective dates.

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

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9 **Section 1. Strategic alcohol prevention framework**  
10 **grants.**

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12 (a) In addition to any federal funding provided under  
13 the strategic prevention framework state incentive grant

1 (SPF/SIG) program, there is appropriated six hundred  
2 thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) from the general fund to the  
3 department of health for the biennium beginning July 1,  
4 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds appropriated under  
5 this section shall be used by counties receiving grants to:

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7 (i) Prevent the onset and reduce the progression  
8 of substance abuse, including underage drinking;

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10 (ii) Reduce substance abuse related problems in  
11 communities; and

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13 (iii) Build prevention capacities and  
14 infrastructure at community levels.

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16 (b) The funds appropriated under this section shall  
17 be distributed by the mental health and substance abuse  
18 services division of the department of health to a single  
19 applicant selected from within each of the counties and the  
20 Wind River Indian Reservation, based upon recommendations  
21 of the state epidemiological workgroup.

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23 (c) Only one (1) application from each county and the  
24 Wind River Indian Reservation shall be accepted. If more

1 than one (1) application is received from within a county  
2 or the Wind River Indian Reservation, all applications from  
3 that county or the Wind River Indian Reservation shall be  
4 returned to the respective applicants with instructions to  
5 collaborate and submit a single application. Each recipient  
6 of funds under subsection (b) of this section shall receive  
7 a grant not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)  
8 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30,  
9 2010 to address the goals specified under subsection (a) of  
10 this section.

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12 **Section 2. Substance abuse residential treatment for**  
13 **women and women with children.**

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15 (a) There is appropriated one million six hundred  
16 ninety-three thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,693,600.00),  
17 or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to  
18 the department of health for the biennium beginning July 1,  
19 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds appropriated  
20 under this section shall be used to allow the mental health  
21 and substance abuse services division of the department of  
22 health to fund not more than sixteen (16) beds and the  
23 reasonable start up costs related to those beds in the

1 southeast region of the state for women who need substance  
2 abuse treatment services and their children.

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4 (b) Services authorized under this section may  
5 include arranging for or providing:

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7 (i) Child care for children of eligible women  
8 while the women are receiving substance abuse treatment;

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10 (ii) Case management services;

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12 (iii) Transportation;

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14 (iv) Education;

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16 (v) Primary health care; and

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18 (vi) Therapeutic interventions.

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20 **Section 3. Crisis stabilization services.**

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22 (a) There is appropriated five million one hundred  
23 seventy-seven thousand four hundred thirty dollars  
24 (\$5,177,430.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the

1 general fund to the department of health for the biennium  
2 beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds  
3 appropriated under this section shall only be used to  
4 provide crisis stabilization services in four (4) regions  
5 of the state as specified in subsection (b) of this  
6 section. The services authorized under this section shall  
7 include community based, short-term intervention for adults  
8 who are experiencing an acute mental health crisis and are  
9 in need of twenty-four (24) hour intensive mental health  
10 treatment and stabilization, and may include persons with  
11 co-occurring disorders. Community mental health centers  
12 providing crisis stabilization services shall ensure that  
13 the services can be provided in a setting staffed twenty-  
14 four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week, with  
15 the availability of medical services as necessary. Mobile  
16 teams and in-home services may also be provided, based on  
17 individual client needs. To maximize existing resources,  
18 community mental health centers in a region specified in  
19 subsection (b) of this section may collaborate in  
20 developing and providing the necessary services.

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22 (b) The department of health, mental health and  
23 substance abuse services division, may enter into contracts  
24 for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending

1 June 30, 2010 with community mental health centers that  
2 agree to provide crisis stabilization services in regions  
3 designated as follows:

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5 (i) In the Basin region of the state, the  
6 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis  
7 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million  
8 three hundred fifty-six thousand four hundred fourteen  
9 dollars (\$1,356,414.00);

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11 (ii) In the central region of the state, the  
12 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis  
13 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million  
14 thirteen thousand seven hundred two dollars  
15 (\$1,013,702.00);

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17 (iii) In the northeast region of the state, the  
18 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis  
19 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million  
20 three hundred fifty-six thousand four hundred fourteen  
21 dollars (\$1,356,414.00);

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23 (iv) In the southwest region of the state, the  
24 division may contract for not more than eight (8) crisis

1 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million four  
2 hundred fifty thousand nine hundred dollars  
3 (\$1,450,900.00).

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5 **Section 4. Substance abuse training.**

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7 There is appropriated forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00),  
8 or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to  
9 the department of health for the biennium beginning July 1,  
10 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be  
11 included in the agency's standard budget request for the  
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2010. The funds appropriated  
13 under this section shall only be used to provide  
14 specialized training to judges, attorneys and mental  
15 health, substance abuse and other providers who work with  
16 persons who may need mental health or alcohol or substance  
17 abuse treatment services.

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19 **Section 5. Select committee on mental health and**  
20 **substance abuse services.**

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22 There is appropriated sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00)  
23 from the general fund to the legislative service office for  
24 the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending December 31,

1 2009. The funds appropriated under this section shall be  
2 expended as necessary to pay the costs and expenses of the  
3 select committee on mental health and substance abuse  
4 services to enable the committee to continue its study of  
5 issues during the 2008 and 2009 legislative interims and to  
6 propose legislation for a more cost effective and  
7 accessible delivery system of services for persons in need  
8 of mental health or alcohol or substance abuse treatment.

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10 **Section 6.** 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 216,  
11 Section 11(a)(intro) is amended to read:

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13 **Section 11. Substance abuse treatment**  
14 **residential services.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated two million one  
17 hundred thirty-one thousand three hundred  
18 seventeen dollars (\$2,131,317.00), or as much  
19 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to  
20 the department of health, substance abuse  
21 division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
22 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds  
23 appropriated under this subsection shall ~~only~~ be  
24 used to fund reasonable start up costs and



1       treatment services to increase the capacity of  
2       community substance abuse treatment centers to  
3       provide residential treatment. Funds  
4       appropriated under this section shall be  
5       distributed to regions designated by the division  
6       as follows:

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8       **Section 7.**

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10       (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
11       section, this act is effective July 1, 2008.

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13       (b) Section 6 of this act is effective immediately  
14       upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become  
15       law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
16       Constitution.

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