

ENROLLED ACT NO. 30, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to community juvenile services; amending services that may be provided to juveniles as specified; specifying membership of community juvenile services boards; specifying requirements for community juvenile services boards to qualify for state funding; amending how services for juveniles will be paid; amending rulemaking requirements; repealing definitions; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-9-102(a)(i), 14-9-103(a)(iv)(intro) and by creating a new subparagraph (M), 14-9-105, 14-9-107(b) by creating new paragraphs (iv) and (v) and 14-9-108(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by creating new subsections (c) and (d) 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, and preventing juvenile delinquency; and ~~treating seriously emotionally disturbed youth, and~~

14-9-103. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iv) "Juvenile services" means programs or services provided to children at risk of coming under the

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jurisdiction of the juvenile court., ~~including seriously emotionally disturbed youth.~~ Programs or services may include:

(M) Pretrial diversion programs and graduated sanctions.

14-9-105. Community juvenile services boards.

(a) A county may, in accordance with the Wyoming Joint Powers Act, enter into an agreement with one (1) or more counties, any or all cities within the county or counties, and any or all school districts within the county or counties, to form a joint powers board to serve as a community juvenile services board under this act. The board shall include representation from the following entities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the community juvenile services board:

(i) A representative of local field offices of the department of family services;

(ii) A representative of local public health;

(iii) A representative from the local school districts;

(iv) A representative from prosecuting attorneys' offices;

(v) A representative from local police departments and sheriff's offices;

(vi) Representatives from the boards of county commissioners;

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(vii) A representative from a local or regional mental health or substance abuse provider;

(viii) A representative from the public defender's office;

(ix) Any other professional the board of county commissioners or joint powers board may appoint, who has particular knowledge or expertise in children or young adult services.

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

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

(iv) Research based strategies;

(v) Graduated sanctions and intervention levels for all juveniles.

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

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

(iv) Develop a system approved by the department for:

(A) Central intake and assessment of juveniles with an initial point of contact established within the community;

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(B) The development or adoption of criteria for juvenile diversion, short-term detention and longer-term shelter care services, including standards for assessments, admissions, twenty-four (24) hour intakes, predispositional detentions and shelter care standards;

(C) The development of a continuum of nonsecure services, including early intervention, diversion, community service and other sanctions which may include citations, counseling, parenting education, day treatment and aftercare following twenty-four (24) hour placements; and

(D) The identification of other funding sources for local juvenile services.

(c) Services for juveniles under this section shall be paid cooperatively by the departments of family services, health and education to the providers of those services.

(d) Systems approved by the department under this section shall provide for confidential proceedings and records.

Section 2. W.S. 14-9-103(a)(v) and (vi) and 14-9-106(b)(iii)(D) and (v) are repealed.

Section 3. The department of family services shall report to the joint judiciary interim committee and the joint appropriations interim committee no later than June 30, 2009, with respect to the community juvenile services boards receiving funds under this act, the scope of juvenile offender services identified or developed by the community juvenile services boards, the costs of services provided through the efforts of the community juvenile

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services boards, the number of juvenile offenders served and the dispositions of their cases, and any recommendations for improvements to the delivery of juvenile justice services throughout the state.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk