

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0163

Physician assistant school.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Hallinan and  
Millin and Senator(s) Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; establishing a task force to  
2 review the feasibility of a physician assistant school in  
3 Wyoming; providing appropriations; requiring a report; and  
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is created a physician assistant training  
11 program task force consisting of the following members:

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13 (i) One (1) member from the University of  
14 Wyoming appointed by the governor;

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1           (ii) One (1) member of the state board of  
2 medicine appointed by the governor;

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4           (iii) One (1) member to represent Wyoming  
5 community colleges appointed by the governor;

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7           (iv) One (1) member of the house of  
8 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

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10           (v) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the  
11 president of the senate.

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13           (b) The task force shall:

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15           (i) Select a chairman and vice-chairman;

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17           (ii) Study the feasibility of a joint venture  
18 between the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming community  
19 college commission to develop an accredited physician  
20 assistant training program in Wyoming;

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22           (iii) Develop a plan for the content of the  
23 physician assistant training program, which shall include  
24 the mission, academic program and financial plan;

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2           (iv) Identify opportunities to establish  
3 relationships with other nationally recognized medical  
4 schools for the operation of the physician assistant  
5 training program, including collaborating with a higher  
6 education institution that currently offers an accredited  
7 physician assistant program to offer as much of the program  
8 as possible or to periodically offer the program to a  
9 cohort of students;

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11           (v) Develop a business plan for determining the  
12 appropriate tuition levels, with the ability to offer  
13 resident incentives;

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15           (vi) Determine the need for facilities to  
16 implement the plans for the physician assistant training  
17 program located in Wyoming, including maximizing existing  
18 facilities for health care professional training programs  
19 and if necessary, acquiring new facilities to accommodate  
20 the program; and

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22           (vii) Develop a proposed budget for implementing  
23 its recommendations.

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1           (c) The task force shall report its plan for the  
2 program together with any recommendations for additional  
3 legislation necessary to implement the plan to the joint  
4 labor, health and social services interim committee, the  
5 joint appropriations interim committee and the governor no  
6 later than October 15, 2009.

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8           (d) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative  
9 service office. The member of the task force appointed by  
10 the president of the senate shall convene the task force no  
11 later than April 1, 2009.

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13           (e) The task force shall exist until December 31,  
14 2009. Members of the task force who are not state employees  
15 or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive  
16 reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at the rate  
17 provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of  
18 the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per  
19 diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their  
20 official duties as members of the task force.

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22           **Section 2.**  
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1           (a)   Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) is appropriated  
2   to the legislative service office for payment of salary, per  
3   diem and mileage for legislative task force members.

(b) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) is appropriated to the governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

9           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
12 Constitution.

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