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  a  Wyoming  community

19   college   to   develop   an   accredited   physician   assistant

20   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.

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5        (b)  Four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) is appropriated

6    to the governor's office for payment of authorized per diem

7    and mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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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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14                              (END)