

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0260

Workforce services amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn. and  
Senator(s) Case and Hastert

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to workforce services; amending department  
2 of workforce services confidentiality provisions; revising  
3 the membership of and transferring oversight of the  
4 governor's council for employment and rehabilitation of the  
5 handicapped as specified; transferring the displaced worker  
6 and education program to the department of workforce  
7 services; updating the entities to be consulted in  
8 preparing the displaced worker and education statewide  
9 plan; and providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2607(a), 27-1-110, 27-1-111,  
14 27-1-112, 27-13-101(a)(iv) and 27-13-102(a)(intro) are  
15 amended to read:

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1           **9-2-2607. Confidentiality of information; disclosure;**  
2 **reimbursement.**

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4           (a) Except as otherwise provided, information  
5 maintained pursuant to this article shall not be disclosed  
6 in a manner which reveals the identity of the employing  
7 unit or the individual. The confidentiality limitations of  
8 this section do not apply to transfers of information to  
9 the employing unit or the individual or between the  
10 divisions of the department of workforce services so long  
11 as the transfer of information is not restricted by federal  
12 law, rule or contract. Any employee of the requesting  
13 department or agency who discloses information outside of  
14 the department in violation of federal or state law may be  
15 terminated without progressive discipline.

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17           **27-1-110. State rehabilitation council; membership;**  
18 **chairman.**

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20           (a) There is established a permanent council within  
21 the department of ~~employment~~ workforce services to be known  
22 as the Wyoming governor's ~~council for employment and~~  
23 ~~rehabilitation of the handicapped~~ state rehabilitation  
24 council, to consist of: ~~at least twelve (12) members~~

1 ~~appointed by the governor. At least three (3) members of~~  
2 ~~the council shall have handicapping conditions, and at~~  
3 ~~least three (3) members shall be representative of private~~  
4 ~~employers or employer's organizations. No member shall be a~~  
5 ~~state employee.~~

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7 (i) At least one (1) representative of the  
8 statewide independent living council;

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10 (ii) At least one (1) representative of a parent  
11 training and information center;

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13 (iii) At least one (1) representative of the  
14 client assistance program;

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16 (iv) At least one (1) vocational rehabilitative  
17 counselor;

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19 (v) At least one (1) representative of community  
20 rehabilitation program service providers;

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22 (vi) Four (4) representatives of business,  
23 industry and labor;

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1           (vii) Representatives of disability advocacy  
2 groups;

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4           (viii) Current or former applicants of  
5 vocational rehabilitation services;

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7           (ix) The administrator of the division of  
8 vocational rehabilitation;

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10           (x) At least one (1) representative of the  
11 department of education;

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13           (xi) At least one (1) representative of the  
14 state workforce investment board.

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16           (b) The director of the department of workforce  
17 services shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the  
18 state rehabilitation council.

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20           (c) A majority of council members shall be persons  
21 who are:

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23           (i) Individuals with disabilities;

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1                   (ii) Not employed by the division of vocational  
2 rehabilitation.

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4           (d) One (1) of the members shall be elected chairman  
5 by the members of the council. The appointive members shall  
6 hold office for the term specified. The council shall be  
7 nonpartisan. The governor may remove any council member as  
8 provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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10           **27-1-111. Duties of council and department.**

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12   The department of ~~employment~~workforce services, with  
13 advice of the council, shall carry on a continuing program  
14 to promote the employment of physically, mentally,  
15 emotionally and otherwise handicapped persons by creating  
16 statewide interest in the rehabilitation and employment of  
17 the handicapped and by obtaining and maintaining  
18 cooperation from all public and private groups and  
19 individuals in the field. The council shall work in  
20 cooperation with the president's committee on employment of  
21 the handicapped in order to more effectively carry out the  
22 purposes of this act.

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1           **27-1-112. Authority of council to receive gifts,**  
2 **grants or donations.**

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4 The department of ~~employment~~ workforce services, on behalf  
5 of the council, is authorized to receive any gifts, grants  
6 or donations made for any of the purposes of its program.

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8           **27-13-101. Definitions.**

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10           (a) As used in this act:

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12                   (iv) "Division" means the department of  
13 ~~employment~~ workforce services;

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15           **27-13-102. Powers and duties; rules and regulations.**

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17           (a) The division shall, in conjunction with the  
18 department of education, the ~~department of economic~~  
19 ~~planning and development~~ business council, the ~~office of~~  
20 ~~the commissioner of labor~~ department of employment, the  
21 ~~employment security commission~~ workforce development  
22 council, the University of Wyoming and the community  
23 college commission, establish and maintain a plan to  
24 implement the occupational transfer and retraining programs

1 and services for displaced workers created under this act.

2 The plan shall designate:

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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