

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0301

Wyoming Industry Partnership Act-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart and Senator(s)  
Larson

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;  
2 creating the Wyoming Industry Partnership Act; providing  
3 definitions; establishing industry partnerships; providing  
4 for a grant process; establishing the industry partnership  
5 account; providing for rulemaking; requiring reports; and  
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2901 through 9-2-2905 are created  
11 to read:

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13 ARTICLE 29

14 WYOMING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP ACT

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16 **9-2-2901. Short title.**

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2 This article shall be known as the "Wyoming Industry  
3 Partnership Act of 2009".

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5 **9-2-2902. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this article:

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9 (i) "Council" means the Wyoming workforce  
10 development council;

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12 (ii) "Department" means the Wyoming department  
13 of workforce services;

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15 (iii) "Industry identified solution" means the  
16 development, recruitment or retention project that develops  
17 or enhances the skills of Wyoming's workforce and supports  
18 an industry in meeting its workforce needs;

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20 (iv) "Industry partnership" means an industry  
21 directed collaboration, supported by economic development,  
22 education and workforce systems to address common workforce  
23 needs;

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1           (v) "Industry sector" means a group of employers  
2 closely linked by common products or services, workforce  
3 needs, similar technologies, supply chains or other  
4 economic links;

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6           (vi) "Targeted industry sector" means an  
7 industry sector identified by the department as having  
8 statewide or regional economic impact, immediate workforce  
9 development needs and emerging or competitive career  
10 opportunities.

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12           **9-2-2903. Industry sectors; identification.**

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14           (a) Industry sectors identified by the department in  
15 conjunction with the council, shall be based on at a  
16 minimum, the following:

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18           (i) Economic growth potential;

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20           (ii) Competitiveness;

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22           (iii) Employment base;

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24           (iv) Wages, benefits and career opportunities;

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2 (v) Workforce development needs;

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4 (vi) Importance of the industry sector to the  
5 state and regional economy.

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7 (b) The department shall periodically evaluate the  
8 industry sectors and determine the need for any  
9 modifications to the targeted industry sectors.

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11 **9-2-2904. Industry partnership account; grants;**  
12 **rulemaking.**

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14 (a) The industry partnership account is created in  
15 the department to support industry partnerships and to  
16 implement industry identified solutions.

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18 (b) A competitive grant program shall be established  
19 by the department that provides support to industry  
20 partnerships and to implement industry identified  
21 solutions.

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1           (c) The department shall promulgate rules and  
2 regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions  
3 of this section.

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5           (d) The department shall require, at a minimum, a  
6 private sector in-kind or cash matching fund of at least  
7 fifty percent (50%) of a grant awarded under this article.

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9           (e) A grant may be awarded to an approved industry  
10 partnership to identify or implement industry identified  
11 solutions, subject to available funds. Any proposal for a  
12 grant shall be filed with the department on or before July  
13 31 of each calendar year. A grant shall not be awarded for  
14 the purchase, lease or repair of equipment or capital  
15 construction, but may include textbooks or manuals. A  
16 grant awarded to an industry partnership to implement  
17 industry identified solutions shall be for a period not to  
18 exceed two (2) years and shall not exceed one million  
19 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the first year and shall not  
20 exceed eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
21 (\$875,000.00) for the second year. Thereafter, no state  
22 assistance shall be provided for the industry partnership  
23 to implement industry identified solutions funded under  
24 this section.

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2 9-2-2905. Report.

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4 By September 1, 2010, the department shall report to the  
5 joint minerals, business and economic development interim  
6 committee on the funds awarded under this article. The  
7 report shall include partnerships funded, the impact of the  
8 partnerships, any industry identified solutions, the impact  
9 of the industry identified solutions on current, projected  
10 and emerging shortages in the Wyoming economy, industry,  
11 employer and employee participation in workforce programs,  
12 systemic changes that benefited industries, employers and  
13 employees, partners' ability to streamline efforts and  
14 resources and the results of the expenditures appropriated.

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16           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
19 Constitution.

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