

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0106

Departments of employment and workforce services-merger.
Sponsored by: Representative(s) Throne, Byrd, Harvey and
Shepperson and Senator(s) Bebout, Martin and
Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to government reorganization; providing for
2 the merger of the programs and functions of the department
3 of employment and the department of workforce services;
4 specifying that the remaining department shall be known as
5 the department of workforce services; requiring reports;
6 and providing for effective dates.

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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. 9-2-2002 by creating a new subsection
11 (h) and 9-2-2601 by creating a new subsection (k) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **9-2-2002. Department of employment created; director**
15 **appointed; structure; merger with department of workforce**
16 **services.**

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2 (h) From and after July 1, 2011, the department of
3 employment shall be merged with the department of workforce
4 services created by W.S. 9-2-2601. The merged department
5 shall be known as the department of workforce services.
6 Any statute or legal or other document which refers to the
7 department of employment means the department of workforce
8 services which is the successor agency to the department of
9 employment.

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11 **9-2-2601. Department of workforce services; duties**
12 **and responsibilities; agreements with other agencies**
13 **authorized; definition; merger with department of**
14 **employment.**

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16 (k) From and after July 1, 2011, the department of
17 workforce services shall be merged with the department of
18 employment created by W.S. 9-2-2002. The merged department
19 shall be known as the department of workforce services.

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21 **Section 2.**

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23 (a) The governor shall appoint one (1) person to
24 serve as joint director of the department of employment

1 and director of the department of workforce services from
2 the effective date of this act until July 1, 2011.
3 Thereafter the governor shall appoint a director of the
4 department of workforce services by temporary appointment
5 as provided in W.S. 28-12-101(b).

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7 (b) The joint director shall plan for the merger and
8 consolidation of the divisions, agencies, programs and
9 functions assigned to the department of employment pursuant
10 to W.S. 9-2-2002 and to the department of workforce
11 services pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2018, with the merger
12 effective from and after July 1, 2011.

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14 (c) The assignment of programs and function from the
15 department of employment and from the department of
16 workforce services to the department of workforce services
17 shall be deemed a type 1 transfer as defined in W.S.
18 9-2-1707(b)(i).

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20 (d) The director of the department of workforce
21 services shall prepare a status report on the merger of the
22 department of employment and the department of workforce
23 services. The report shall be submitted to the governor
24 and the joint labor, health and social services interim

1 committee of the legislature no later than October 15, 2011
2 and made available to the public. The report shall include
3 recommendations on the further consolidation of the
4 department of employment and workforce services' programs
5 and functions, including recommended additional legislation
6 to effectuate the merger. The joint labor, health and
7 social services interim committee shall report to the
8 legislature by December 1, 2011, any recommendations
9 resulting from the department's report, including necessary
10 legislation to further implement the merger.

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12 **Section 3.**

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14 (a) Subsections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act are
15 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
16 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
17 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this
20 section, this act is effective July 1, 2011.

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