

ENROLLED ACT NO. 24, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to government reorganization; providing for the transfer of all department of employment programs and functions to the department of workforce services; requiring reports; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-2002 by creating a new subsection (h) and 9-2-2601 by creating a new subsection (k) are amended to read:

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

(h) On or before July 1, 2011, all divisions, programs and functions of the department of employment shall be transferred to the department of workforce services created by W.S. 9-2-2601. The combined department shall be known as the department of workforce services. Any statute or legal or other document which refers to the department of employment shall mean the department of workforce services which is the successor agency to the department of employment.

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

(k) On or before July 1, 2011, the department of workforce services shall include all divisions, programs and functions previously assigned to the department of employment created by W.S. 9-2-2002.

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Section 2.

(a) The governor shall appoint one (1) person to serve as joint director of the department of employment and director of the department of workforce services from the effective date of this act until July 1, 2011. Thereafter the governor shall appoint a director of the department of workforce services by temporary appointment as provided in W.S. 28-12-101(b).

(b) The joint director shall plan for the transfer of all divisions, agencies, programs and functions from the department of employment to the department of workforce services, with the transfer to become effective on or before July 1, 2011.

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

(d) To the extent practicable, the director shall provide that the public services of the former department of employment and the department of workforce services be provided at consolidated physical locations to maximize efficiency and convenience to the public. The director shall plan the local relocation or consolidation of any facilities to minimize the costs incurred due to the local relocation or consolidation.

(e) The director of the department of workforce services shall prepare a status report on the transfer of the department of employment divisions, programs and functions to the department of workforce services. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the joint appropriations interim committee, the joint minerals,

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business and economic development interim committee and the joint labor, health and social services interim committee of the legislature no later than October 1, 2011 and made available to the public. The report shall include recommendations on the further consolidation of the former department of employment programs and functions, including recommended additional legislation to consolidate the merged departments. The joint labor, health and social services interim committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee shall report to the legislature by January 31, 2012, any recommendations resulting from the department's report, including necessary legislation to further consolidate the former department of employment into the department of workforce services.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk