

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0082

Juvenile justice task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; creating a juvenile
2 justice task force; specifying membership and duties;
3 requiring a report; providing an appropriation; 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 juvenile justice task force
11 consisting of the following members:

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13 (i) A district court judge appointed by the
14 chief justice of the Wyoming supreme court;

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16 (ii) A circuit court judge appointed by the
17 chief justice of the Wyoming supreme court;

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2 (iii) A municipal court judge appointed by the
3 chief justice of the Wyoming supreme court;

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5 (iv) A law enforcement officer employed by a
6 municipal police force, appointed by the governor upon
7 recommendation of the Wyoming association of sheriffs and
8 chiefs of police;

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10 (v) A law enforcement officer employed by a
11 sheriff's department, appointed by the governor upon
12 recommendation of the Wyoming association of sheriffs and
13 chiefs of police;

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15 (vi) An attorney employed as a county and
16 prosecuting attorney, appointed by the governor upon
17 recommendation of the Wyoming association of county and
18 prosecuting attorneys;

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20 (vii) The attorney general or his designee;

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22 (viii) The state public defender or his
23 designee;

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1 (ix) The director of the department of family
2 services or his designee;

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4 (x) The state superintendent of public
5 instruction or his designee;

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7 (xi) The director of the department of
8 corrections or his designee;

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10 (xii) A person who provides services in a youth
11 residential treatment center, appointed by the governor;

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13 (xiii) A person representing county
14 commissioners, appointed by the governor;

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16 (xiv) A person representing Wyoming
17 municipalities, appointed by the governor;

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19 (xv) A person who provides services to juveniles
20 in a community mental health and substance abuse center,
21 appointed by the governor;

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1 (xvi) A member of the state advisory council on
2 juvenile justice created by W.S. 14-10-101, appointed by
3 the governor;

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5 (xvii) Two (2) members of the senate judiciary
6 committee appointed by the president of the senate;

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8 (xviii) Three (3) members of the house judiciary
9 committee, appointed by the speaker of the house.

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11 (b) Staff services for the task force shall be
12 provided by the governor's office.

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14 (c) Except as otherwise provided, task force members
15 shall not receive any additional compensation for the
16 performance of their duties under this act. Mileage and
17 per diem expenses for members of the task force who are
18 employees of a government agency shall be paid from budgets
19 of their agencies. Salary, mileage and per diem expenses
20 for members of the task force who are legislators serving
21 on the task force shall be paid as provided in W.S.
22 28-5-101 when attending and traveling to and from meetings
23 of the task force. The members of the task force who are
24 not legislators nor employed by a government agency shall

1 be allowed reimbursement in the same manner and amount as
2 state employees for mileage and per diem expenses incurred
3 when attending and traveling to and from meetings of the
4 task force.

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6 (d) The task force shall examine the jurisdiction and
7 gatekeeping functions for juvenile justice prosecutions,
8 the services received by juveniles while in the juvenile
9 justice system, the length of time in the juvenile justice
10 system before an offender is released and the preferred
11 outcomes for juvenile offenders.

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13 (e) The task force shall report no later than October
14 1, 2006, to the governor, the chief justice of the Wyoming
15 supreme court and the joint judiciary interim committee
16 with its recommendations for changes that could remedy any
17 problems the task force identifies with respect to
18 establishment and enhancement of:

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20 (i) Community prevention and early intervention
21 programs for first time juvenile offenders;

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23 (ii) Entry screening for juvenile offenders who
24 make court appearances;

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2 (iii) Early stage assessments of juvenile
3 offenders;

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5 (iv) Community treatment programs for juvenile
6 offenders upon referrals from the courts;

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8 (v) Accountability of programs serving juvenile
9 offenders under court order;

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11 (vi) Client resource manager positions to
12 coordinate services for juvenile offenders and their
13 families;

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15 (vii) Procedures to eliminate barriers to
16 treatment and establishment of other programs that will
17 improve the juvenile justice system.

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19 (f) The task force created by this act shall
20 terminate effective December 31, 2006.

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22 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
23 fund to the governor's office seventy-five thousand dollars
24 (\$75,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, to reimburse

1 travel and per diem expenses incurred by legislators and
2 other members of the task force who are not employed by a
3 government agency, and for other expenses incurred as a
4 result of authorized task force meetings or activities.

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

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