

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0104

Wyoming internship grant initiative analysis.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Hammons, Harvey
and Warren and Senator(s) Aullman and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to internship grants; authorizing an
2 internship grant initiative analysis as specified;
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 appropriated four hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$400,000.00) from the general fund to the
12 department of workforce services to conduct an internship
13 grant initiative analysis over a two (2) year period.

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15 (b) In the first year the department shall:

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1 (i) Contract with an independent entity to
2 perform the analysis and report back to the department.
3 The analysis shall include a review of internship programs
4 that currently exist within the state of Wyoming to examine
5 what opportunities are currently being offered, and outline
6 a program that:

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8 (A) Meets the demands of Wyoming's
9 employers to train the future workforce;

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11 (B) Enhances opportunities for Wyoming
12 residents to remain within the state of Wyoming;

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14 (C) Provides opportunities for Wyoming
15 residents to gain work experience in Wyoming; and

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17 (D) Supplements and enhances existing
18 programs providing opportunities for Wyoming business,
19 government and associates with eligible employees in the
20 state.

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22 (ii) Develop criteria necessary to implement an
23 internship grant program in the state of Wyoming;

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1 (iii) Develop a training program for potential
2 businesses, government entities and associations interested
3 in participating in an internship grant program;

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5 (iv) Provide technical assistance to businesses,
6 government entities and associations interested in
7 participating in the internship grant program by use of
8 classes, workshops and consultants;

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10 (v) Identify a system that will help interns and
11 businesses with internship opportunities participate in the
12 program.

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14 (c) In the second year the department shall form a
15 committee to establish criteria for the grant program
16 utilizing the analysis and the department's findings.

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18 (d) After review of the contractor's report the
19 department shall submit its findings and recommendations to
20 the joint appropriations interim committee and the joint
21 minerals, business and economic development interim
22 committee no later than June 15, 2007. The chairmen of the
23 legislative committees receiving the report from the
24 department shall coordinate efforts to develop legislation

1 to implement the internship grant program proposed by the
2 department of workforce services prior to the 2008 budget
3 session of the legislature.

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

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10 (END)