

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0248

Physician assistant school.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman and Senator(s)
Barrasso

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating education; establishing a task force to
2 review the possibility of opening a physician assistant
3 school in Wyoming; reappropriating funds; providing for a
4 report; and 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 physician assistant training
11 program task force consisting of the following members, who
12 shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman:

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14 (i) The president of the University of Wyoming,
15 or his designee;

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1 (ii) The dean of the health sciences at the
2 University of Wyoming, or his designee;

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4 (iii) Two (2) members of the state board of
5 medicine;

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7 (iv) The president of Casper community college,
8 or his designee;

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10 (v) The director of nursing/coordinator of health
11 sciences at Casper community college, or his designee;

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13 (vi) Two (2) members appointed by the governor
14 with distinguished credentials and experience in medicine or
15 academics;

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17 (vii) Two (2) members shall be members of the
18 legislature, one (1) appointed by the speaker of the house
19 of representatives and one (1) appointed by the president of
20 the senate.

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22 (b) The task force shall:

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1 (i) Study the feasibility of a joint venture
2 between the University of Wyoming and Casper community
3 college to develop a physician assistant training program in
4 Casper, Wyoming;

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6 (ii) Develop a plan for the content of the
7 physician assistant training program, which shall include
8 the mission, academic program and financial plan;

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10 (iii) Identify opportunities to establish
11 relationships with other nationally recognized medical
12 schools for the operation of the physician assistant
13 training program;

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15 (iv) Develop a business plan for determining the
16 appropriate tuition levels, with the ability to offer
17 resident incentives;

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19 (v) Determine the need for building and other
20 facilities to implement the plans for the physician
21 assistant training program located in Casper; and

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23 (vi) Develop a proposed budget for implementing
24 its recommendations.

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2 (c) The physician assistant training program task
3 force shall report its plan for the physician assistant
4 training program together with any recommendations for
5 additional legislation necessary to implement the plan to
6 the joint labor, health and social services interim
7 committee, the joint appropriations interim committee and
8 the governor no later than December 1, 2007.

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10 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's
11 office. The task force may contract for administrative and
12 research services to aid in preparation of the task force
13 report. The governor's office shall convene the task force
14 no later than May 1, 2007.

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16 (e) The task force shall exist until December 1, 2007.
17 Members of the task force who are not legislators shall not
18 receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement for
19 necessary travel and per diem expenses in the manner and
20 amount provided for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and
21 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are legislators
22 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as
23 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
24 members of the task force.

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Section 2. For purposes of this act for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated one-half (1/2) of all unexpended funds previously appropriated to the legislative service office by 2005 Session Laws, Chapter 190, Section 6. Of this amount, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is appropriated to the legislative service office to fund the salaries, per diem and travel expenses of the state legislative members of the task force pursuant to section 1 of this act. The remainder is appropriated to the governor's office to fund the meetings and activities of the task force and to contract with appropriate professionals as necessary to complete the duties assigned to the task force in section 1 of this act.

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

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