

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0256

Illegal drug law enforcement initiative.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Quarberg, Gentile and
White and Senator(s) Fecht

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to illegal drugs; increasing funding for
2 law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys efforts to
3 prosecute illegal use of methamphetamine and other
4 controlled substances and to address associated problems;
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
6 date.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) There is appropriated two million five hundred
13 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the general fund to
14 the office of the attorney general for the period beginning
15 with the effective date of this act, to provide funding for
16 the purpose of employing law enforcement officers, public

1 defenders and prosecuting attorneys, or providing overtime
2 pay to current law enforcement officers to investigate and
3 assist in the prosecution of offenses related to the use,
4 sale or manufacture of methamphetamine or other controlled
5 substances. Funds appropriated under this section may also
6 be used to pay for tests for the use of illegal drugs and
7 controlled substances for persons who have been convicted
8 of a crime or adjudicated delinquents.

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10 (b) The attorney general shall establish criteria for
11 reviewing and awarding grants under this section that meet
12 the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

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14 (c) Local governments, the Wyoming division of
15 criminal investigation and the office of public defender
16 may apply for grants under this section. Grant requests
17 shall be reviewed by the attorney general's office who
18 shall make recommendations for funding to the governor's
19 advisory board on substance abuse and violent crime, which
20 board shall determine the grants to be awarded. Any funds
21 awarded under this section shall not be used to supplant
22 funds currently being used by the grantee.

1 (d) There is appropriated from the general fund five
2 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the period
3 beginning with the effective date of this act for
4 competitive grants to cities and counties for probation
5 services for juveniles sentenced to probation by circuit or
6 municipal courts. In awarding grants, the attorney general
7 shall consider:

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9 (i) The adequacy of the system proposed for
10 identifying juveniles who are most at risk of progressing
11 to serious drug offenses if not placed on probation to
12 ensure that necessary treatment requirements are complied
13 with;

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15 (ii) The availability of treatment resources
16 which can treat the probationers; and

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18 (iii) The demonstrated need for financial
19 resources of the local government applying.

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21 (e) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207(a), any funds that
22 are unobligated or unencumbered on June 30, 2008, shall not
23 revert to the general fund and shall remain available for

1 the attorney general to award as grants authorized under
2 this act.

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

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9 (END)