

SENATE FILE NO. SF0054

Drug court steering committee.

Sponsored by: Management Audit Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 creating a drug court steering committee to study
3 administration of drug courts; specifying membership and
4 duties; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created a drug court steering committee
12 whose purpose shall be to help create a more uniform
13 administration of drug courts in the state.

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15 (b) The committee shall be comprised of:

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1 (i) All members of the drug court panel created
2 by W.S. 5-10-103;

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4 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate,
5 appointed by the president of the senate. Not more than
6 one (1) member shall be of the same political party. The
7 president of the senate shall designate a cochairman of the
8 committee;

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10 (iii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
11 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.
12 Not more than one (1) member shall be of the same political
13 party. The speaker of the house shall designate a
14 cochairman of the committee;

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16 (iv) Four (4) judges appointed by the board of
17 judicial policy and administration. In making appointments
18 under this paragraph the board shall attempt to make
19 appointments from municipal, circuit and district court
20 judges who are and who are not currently participating in
21 the drug court program;

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23 (v) A representative of the University of
24 Wyoming's criminal justice department, appointed by the

1 president of the university. This member shall serve as a
2 nonvoting, ex-officio member.

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4 (c) The committee shall review and make
5 recommendations regarding the following:

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7 (i) State level structural models for drug
8 courts and the most appropriate model for Wyoming;

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10 (ii) Alternative adjudication procedures for
11 drug courts, including the use of court commissioners,
12 magistrates, administrative law judges and hearing
13 officers;

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15 (iii) The progress and value of the department of
16 health's substance abuse division's case management system
17 and means for improvement;

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19 (iv) The state's funding model and its current
20 and most appropriate connection to results in drug courts;

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22 (v) Collaboration between agencies and branches
23 of government in the operation of drug courts;

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1 (vi) Drug court participation by county and the
2 best means to increase drug court participation by counties
3 not participating due to revenue issues;

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5 (vii) Performance measures, as developed by the
6 committee, for evaluation on a statewide basis.

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8 (d) The committee shall report not later than August
9 1, 2007, and August 1, 2008 to the joint judiciary interim
10 committee regarding its findings and recommendations. The
11 committee shall terminate as of December 31, 2008.

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13 (e) Legislators serving on the committee shall be
14 paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as provided in
15 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
16 committee. Judges and any state agency personnel,
17 including the University of Wyoming representative, serving
18 on the committee shall receive per diem and travel expenses
19 as provided in W.S. 9-3-102. State agency personnel shall
20 be paid from their agency budget. Judges shall be paid from
21 funds of the board of judicial policy and administration.
22 Other nonlegislative members serving on the committee shall
23 receive travel and per diem expenses incurred for their

1 official duties as members of the committee in the same
2 amount as legislators under W.S. 28-5-101.

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4 (f) The committee shall be staffed by the department
5 of health. State agencies, including the University of
6 Wyoming, shall assist the committee as requested in
7 conducting its duties under this act.

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9 **Section 2.** There is appropriated commencing with the
10 effective date of this act through the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2009, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the
12 general fund to the legislative service office for
13 compensation of legislative members serving on the drug
14 court steering committee.

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

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21 (END)