

SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

Community juvenile services.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community juvenile services; amending  
2 services that may be provided to juveniles as specified;  
3 specifying membership of community juvenile services  
4 boards; specifying requirements for community juvenile  
5 services boards to qualify for state funding; amending how  
6 services for juveniles will be paid; amending rulemaking  
7 requirements; repealing definitions; requiring a report;  
8 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective  
9 date.

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

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13       **Section       1.**                   W.S.       14-6-301(a)(vi),  
14 14-9-103(a)(iv)(intro) and by creating a new subparagraph  
15 (M), 14-9-105, 14-9-107(b) by creating new paragraphs (iv)  
16 and (v) and 14-9-108(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv)  
17 and by creating a new subsection (c) are amended to read:

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2       **14-6-301. Definitions.**

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4       (a) As used in W.S. 14-6-301 through 14-6-314:

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6               (vi) "Probation officer" means a department of  
7 family services employee assigned and trained in the  
8 performance of probation supervision services pursuant to  
9 department rules and regulations, or a local, county or  
10 private agency assigned by a ~~juvenile~~ court to perform  
11 probation supervision services;

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13       **14-9-103. Definitions.**

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15       (a) As used in this act:

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17               (iv) "Juvenile services" means programs or  
18 services provided to children at risk of coming under the  
19 jurisdiction of ~~the juvenile~~ any court ~~., including~~  
20 ~~seriously emotionally disturbed youth.~~ Programs or services  
21 may include:

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23                       (M) Pretrial diversion programs and  
24 graduated sanctions.

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2       **14-9-105. Community juvenile services boards.**

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4       (a) A county may, in accordance with the Wyoming  
5 Joint Powers Act, enter into an agreement with one (1) or  
6 more counties, any or all cities within the county or  
7 counties, and any or all school districts within the county  
8 or counties, to form a joint powers board to serve as a  
9 community juvenile services board under this act. The  
10 board shall include representation from the following  
11 entities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the  
12 community juvenile services board:

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14               (i) A representative of local field offices of  
15 the department of family services;

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17               (ii) A representative of local public health;

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19               (iii) A representative from the local school  
20 districts;

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22               (iv) A representative from prosecuting  
23 attorneys' offices;

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1           (v) A representative from local police  
2           departments and sheriff's offices;

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4           (vi) Representatives from the boards of county  
5           commissioners;

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7           (vii) A representative from a local or regional  
8           mental health or substance abuse provider;

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10           (viii) A representative from the public  
11           defender's office;

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13           (ix) Any other professional the board of county  
14           commissioners or joint powers board may appoint, who has  
15           particular knowledge or expertise in children or young  
16           adult services.

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18           **14-9-107. Department of family services to administer**  
19           **block grant program; powers and duties.**

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21           (b) The departments of education, family services and  
22           health shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations  
23           necessary to carry out the purposes of this act including  
24           rules relating to:

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2 (iv) Research based strategies;

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4 (v) Graduated sanctions and intervention levels  
5 for all juveniles.

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7 **14-9-108. Grant eligibility; allocation of funds.**

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9 (a) To qualify for a grant under this act, an  
10 applicant shall:

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12 (iv) Develop a system approved by the department  
13 for:

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15 (A) Central intake and assessment of  
16 juveniles with an initial point of contact established  
17 within the community;

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19 (B) The development or adoption of criteria  
20 for juvenile diversion, short-term detention and longer-  
21 term shelter care services, including standards for  
22 assessments, admissions, twenty-four (24) hour intakes,  
23 predispositional detentions and shelter care standards;

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1                   (C) The development of a continuum of  
2 nonsecure services, including early intervention,  
3 diversion, community service and other sanctions which may  
4 include citations, counseling, parenting education, day  
5 treatment and aftercare following twenty-four (24) hour  
6 placements; and

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8                   (D) The identification of other funding  
9 sources for local juvenile services.

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11           (c) Services for juveniles under this section shall  
12 be paid cooperatively by the departments of family  
13 services, health and education to the providers of those  
14 services.

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16           **Section 2.**       W.S. 14-9-103(a)(v) and (vi) and  
17 14-9-106(b)(iii)(D) and (v) are repealed.

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19           **Section 3.**   The department of family services shall  
20 report to the joint judiciary interim committee and the  
21 joint appropriations interim committee no later than June  
22 30, 2009, with respect to the community juvenile services  
23 boards receiving funds under this act, the scope of  
24 juvenile offender services identified or developed by the

1 community juvenile services boards, the costs of services  
2 provided through the efforts of the community juvenile  
3 services boards, the number of juvenile offenders served  
4 and the dispositions of their cases, and any  
5 recommendations for improvements to the delivery of  
6 juvenile justice services throughout the state.

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8       **Section 4.** Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e)  
9 and 9-4-207(a), not more than two million dollars  
10 (\$2,000,000.00) in unobligated monies appropriated from the  
11 general fund to the department of family services in 2006  
12 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 35, Section 2, Section 049,  
13 for program services, shall not revert on June 30, 2008,  
14 and are hereby appropriated to the department of family  
15 services for the period beginning April 1, 2008 and ending  
16 June 30, 2010 for the purposes specified in this act.

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

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23 (END)