SENATE FILE NO. SF0060

National guard youth challenge program.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL for

AN ACT relating to the national guard; codifying the national guard youth challenge program; controlling the expenditure of state funds; requiring a report; providing a sunset date; continuously appropriating funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 19-9-701 through 19-9-704 are created to read:

ARTICLE 7

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

19-9-701. National guard youth challenge program; administration of program.
(a) The national guard youth challenge program is created to provide resources to create opportunities and alternatives for youth at risk or who have dropped out of the public school system, ages sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years, to attain a high school diploma or high school equivalency certification and to develop life skills.

(b) The national guard youth challenge program shall be administered by the Wyoming military department with the assistance of the department of education as necessary for the provision of educational programs addressing needs of the participating youth and for establishing necessary communications and cooperation with Wyoming school districts.

(c) The Wyoming military department may promulgate rules for the administration of the program.

19-9-702. Funding.

To the extent available, for every one dollar ($1.00) of federal funds appropriated to the national guard youth challenge program, the department may expend funds
appropriated by this state in an amount not to exceed forty
cents ($0.40), or such other minimum amount as necessary to
qualify for the appropriation of federal funds. The state
may appropriate funding in excess of that necessary to
qualify for federal funds and the department shall be
authorized to expend such state funds only when all federal
funds are exhausted. All monies appropriated for purposes
of this article are continuously appropriated to the
department and shall not lapse until the program is
terminated as provided by W.S. 19-9-704.

19-9-703. Reporting.

(a) The department shall provide a report not later
than October 1 of each year that the national guard youth
challenge program receives any state funding. The report
shall be provided to the joint appropriations and the joint
education interim committees and include the following
information:

(i) Yearly enrollment in the national guard
youth challenge program;
(ii) Yearly number of youth successfully completing the challenge program;

(iii) A detailed listing of budget expenditures for the challenge program; and

(iv) A report on the status of program graduates for the preceding four (4) years, to the extent available.


W.S. 19-9-701 through 19-9-703 are repealed effective June 30, 2012.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.