

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0106

Departments of employment and workforce services-merger.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Throne, Byrd, Harvey and
Shepperson and Senator(s) Bebout, Martin and
Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to government reorganization; providing for
2 the creation of the department of employment and workforce
3 services; providing for the merger of the programs and
4 functions of the department of employment and the
5 department of workforce services; requiring reports; and
6 providing for effective dates.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2002 by creating a new subsection
11 (h) and 9-2-2601 by creating a new subsection (k) are
12 amended to read:

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14 **9-2-2002. Department of employment created; director**
15 **appointed; structure; merger with department of workforce**
16 **services.**

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2 (h) From and after July 1, 2011, the department of
3 employment shall be merged with the department of workforce
4 services created by W.S. 9-2-2601. The merged department
5 shall be known as the department of employment and
6 workforce services. Any statute or legal or other document
7 which refers to the department of employment means the
8 department of employment and workforce services which is
9 the successor agency to the department of employment.

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11 **9-2-2601. Department of workforce services; duties**
12 **and responsibilities; agreements with other agencies**
13 **authorized; definition; merger with department of**
14 **employment.**

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16 (k) From and after July 1, 2011, the department of
17 workforce services shall be merged with the department of
18 employment created by W.S. 9-2-2002. The merged department
19 shall be known as the department of employment and
20 workforce services. Any statute or legal or other document
21 which refers to the department of workforce services means
22 the department of employment and workforce services which
23 is the successor agency to the department of workforce
24 services.

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2 **Section 2.**

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4 (a) The governor shall appoint one (1) person to
5 serve as joint director of the department of employment
6 and director of the department of workforce services from
7 the effective date of this act until July 1, 2011.
8 Thereafter the governor shall appoint a director of the
9 department of employment and workforce services by
10 temporary appointment as provided in W.S. 28-12-101(b).

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12 (b) The joint director shall plan for the merger and
13 consolidation of the divisions, agencies, programs and
14 functions assigned to the department of employment pursuant
15 to W.S. 9-2-2002 and to the department of workforce
16 services pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2018, with the merger
17 effective from and after July 1, 2011.

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19 (c) The assignment of programs and function from the
20 department of employment and from the department of
21 workforce services to the department of employment and
22 workforce services shall be deemed a type 1 transfer as
23 defined in W.S. 9-2-1707(b)(i).

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1 (d) The director of the department of employment and
2 workforce services shall prepare a status report on the
3 merger of the department of employment and the department
4 of workforce services. The report shall be submitted to
5 the governor and the joint labor, health and social
6 services interim committee of the legislature no later than
7 October 15, 2011 and made available to the public. The
8 report shall include recommendations on the further
9 consolidation of the department of employment and workforce
10 services' programs and functions, including recommended
11 additional legislation to effectuate the merger. The joint
12 labor, health and social services interim committee shall
13 report to the legislature by December 1, 2011, any
14 recommendations resulting from the department's report,
15 including necessary legislation to further implement the
16 merger.

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18 **Section 3.**

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20 (a) Subsections 2(a) and 2(b) of this act are
21 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
22 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
23 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2011.

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