

SENATE FILE NO. SF0025

Long term services and support.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Martin, Hastert, Landen, Scott  
and Von Flatern and Representative(s)  
Connolly, Craft and Davison

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Long Term Care Choices Act;  
2 authorizing a statewide network of aging and disability  
3 resource centers as specified; granting rulemaking  
4 authority; and providing for effective dates.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-6-109 is created to read:

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10 **42-6-109. Aging and disability resource centers.**

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12 (a) The department is authorized, using competitive  
13 grants and contracts, to fund a statewide network of aging  
14 and disability resource centers.

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1           (b) Locations of the aging and disability resource  
2 centers shall be determined by the department of health,  
3 aging division. In selecting locations for aging and  
4 disability resource centers, the department of health,  
5 aging division, shall consider the degree of local  
6 community support for a center by the provision of a  
7 physical facility for the center, the contribution of any  
8 local funding, or both.

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10           (c) The purpose of each center shall be to create a  
11 single, coordinated system of information and assistance  
12 for all persons seeking long term support. Each center  
13 shall assist eligible persons in making informed decisions  
14 about health care access and long term care service and  
15 support options and shall serve as a referral agency to the  
16 long term care support system. Centers shall provide  
17 information and assistance to individuals needing either  
18 public or private resources, professionals seeking  
19 assistance on behalf of their clients and individuals  
20 planning for their future long term care needs.

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22           (d) The department is authorized to adopt rules and  
23 regulations to implement this section.

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1           (e) The department of health, aging division, shall  
2 provide an annual report beginning October 1, 2011, to the  
3 joint labor, health and social services interim committee  
4 and the joint appropriations interim committee concerning  
5 implementation of the aging and disability resource centers  
6 as provided in this section.

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8           **Section 2.** There is appropriated five hundred  
9 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the general fund to the  
10 department of health. This appropriation shall be for the  
11 period beginning with the effective date of this act and  
12 ending June 30, 2012. This appropriation shall only be  
13 expended for the purpose of funding and administering aging  
14 and disability resource centers pursuant to W.S. 42-6-109.  
15 This appropriation shall be reduced dollar for dollar by  
16 federal funds expended by the department for aging and  
17 disability resource centers for state fiscal year 2012.  
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
19 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
20 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
21 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
22 by law on June 30, 2012.

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24           **Section 3.**

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(a) W.S. 42-6-109(d) created by this act and Section 2 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 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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