

SENATE FILE NO. SF0120

Workforce services and employment reorganization.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout and Representative(s)
Harvey, Lockhart and Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to government reorganization; providing for
2 the transfer of all department of employment programs and
3 functions to the department of workforce services;
4 requiring reports; 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. 9-2-2002 by creating a new subsection
9 (h) and 9-2-2601 by creating a new subsection (k) are
10 amended to read:

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12 **9-2-2002. Department of employment created; director**
13 **appointed; structure; merger with department of workforce**
14 **services.**

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1 (h) From and after July 1, 2011, all divisions,
2 programs and functions of the department of employment
3 shall be transferred to the department of workforce
4 services created by W.S. 9-2-2601. The combined department
5 shall be known as the department of workforce services.
6 Any statute or legal or other document which refers to the
7 department of employment shall mean the department of
8 workforce services which is the successor agency to the
9 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 include all divisions, programs
18 and functions previously assigned to the department of
19 employment created by W.S. 9-2-2002.

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21 **Section 2.**

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23 (a) The governor shall appoint one (1) person to
24 serve as joint director of the department of employment and

1 director of the department of workforce services from the
2 effective date of this act until July 1, 2011. Thereafter
3 the governor shall appoint a director of the department of
4 workforce services by temporary appointment as provided in
5 W.S. 28-12-101(b).

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7 (b) The joint director shall plan for the transfer of
8 all divisions, agencies, programs and functions from the
9 department of employment to the department of workforce
10 services, with the transfer to become effective from and
11 after July 1, 2011.

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13 (c) The transfer of programs and functions from the
14 department of employment to the department of workforce
15 services shall be deemed a type 1 transfer as defined in
16 W.S. 9-2-1707(b)(i).

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18 (d) To the extent practicable, the director shall
19 provide that the public services of the former department
20 of employment and the department of workforce services be
21 provided at consolidated physical locations to maximize
22 efficiency and convenience to the public. The director
23 shall plan the relocation or consolidation of any

1 facilities to minimize the costs incurred due to the
2 relocation or consolidation.

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4 (e) The director of the department of workforce
5 services shall prepare a status report on the transfer of
6 the department of employment divisions, programs and
7 functions to the department of workforce services. The
8 report shall be submitted to the governor, the joint
9 appropriations interim committee and the joint labor,
10 health and social services interim committee of the
11 legislature no later than October 1, 2011 and made
12 available to the public. The report shall include
13 recommendations on the further consolidation of the former
14 department of employment programs and functions, including
15 recommended additional legislation to consolidate the
16 merged departments. The joint labor, health and social
17 services interim committee shall report to the legislature
18 by January 31, 2012, any recommendations resulting from the
19 department's report, including necessary legislation to
20 further consolidate the former department of employment
21 into the department of workforce services.

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23 **Section 3.**

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

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

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9 (END)