

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0187

Total solar eclipse day.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to solar eclipse day; providing that August
2 21, 2017 shall be designated as Total Solar Eclipse Day;
3 authorizing the governor to grant administrative leave as
4 specified; authorizing the office of homeland security to
5 provide grants to local governments for Total Solar Eclipse
6 Day; imposing duties on the office of homeland security;
7 specifying applicability; providing an appropriation; and
8 providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** August 21, 2017 shall be designated as
13 "Total Solar Eclipse Day" in and for the state of Wyoming.
14 The governor may authorize state employees up to eight (8)
15 hours administrative leave on August 21, 2017 or on another
16 day of the employee's choosing in accordance with

1 guidelines established by the governor if he determines
2 that state offices will remain open on August 21, 2017.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) The office of homeland security shall provide
7 grants to local governments for the purpose of funding
8 programs and activities aimed at engaging public
9 participation and protecting the public during the total
10 solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

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12 (b) The office of homeland security shall:

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14 (i) Establish a procedure for local governments
15 to submit requests for grants authorized under this
16 section;

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18 (ii) Prioritize grant awards in accordance with
19 the respective needs of each local government and the
20 availability of local funding sources;

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22 (iii) Consult with the Wyoming department of
23 transportation, the Wyoming department of state parks and

1 cultural resources and the Wyoming office of tourism prior
2 to providing any grants under this section.

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4 (c) The office of homeland security shall designate
5 an employee of the office to coordinate with federal, state
6 and local entities on programs and activities related to
7 the total solar eclipse. The designated employee shall
8 connect local governments to any available federal, state
9 or local resources related to the total solar eclipse.

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11 (d) A grant recipient under this section shall use
12 the grant monies only to fund programs and activities aimed
13 at engaging public participation and protecting the public
14 during the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

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16 (e) For purposes of this section, "local government"
17 means cities and towns, counties, school districts,
18 community college districts, special districts and any
19 other political subdivisions of the state and their
20 governing bodies.

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22 **Section 3.** There is appropriated one hundred thousand
23 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the office

1 of homeland security. This appropriation shall be for the
2 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
3 ending June 30, 2018. This appropriation shall only be
4 expended for the purpose of providing grants to local
5 governments in accordance with section 2 of this act.
6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
8 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
10 by law on June 30, 2018. This appropriation shall not be
11 included in the office of homeland security's 2019-2020
12 standard biennial budget request.

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14 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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