

SENATE FILE NO. SF0078

Opioid addiction task force.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to controlled substances; creating an
2 opioid addiction task force; specifying task force duties,
3 membership and staffing; providing appropriations; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is created the opioid addiction task force.
11 The task force shall consider the following issues:

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13 (i) Prescription drug monitoring programs and
14 electronic prescribing systems, including the controlled
15 substances prescription tracking program under W.S.

1 35-7-1060 and patient prescription history verification
2 requirements;

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4 (ii) Grants relating to substance abuse
5 education, prevention and treatment made available by the
6 federal government, the state of Wyoming and other
7 organizations;

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9 (iii) The availability and use of naloxone and
10 other prescription drugs to counteract opioid overdoses;

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12 (iv) The quality of treatment for opioid
13 addiction and overdoses in Wyoming;

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15 (v) Strategies to reduce the administration of
16 opioids including promotion of alternative treatments,
17 methods and possible limits on the quantity of opioids that
18 a health care provider is authorized to prescribe;

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20 (vi) Authorized uses of opioids and any needed
21 legal exceptions for authorized uses;

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1 (vii) Strategies for community engagement,
2 including outreach to stakeholders and support for families
3 of persons who have been impacted by opioids;

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5 (viii) Strategies for the state of Wyoming to
6 undertake a focused, unified and cross agency approach
7 relating to opioid education, prevention and treatment;

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9 (ix) Prescriber education relating to opioids;

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11 (x) Necessary law enforcement strategies and
12 tools; and

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14 (xi) Any other matter relating to opioids
15 determined to be relevant by the task force.

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17 (b) The task force shall consist of eleven (11)
18 members as follows:

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20 (i) Three (3) members of the senate, appointed
21 by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be
22 designated chairman of the task force by the president;

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1 (ii) Three (3) members of the house of
2 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, one of whom shall be designated vice
4 chairman of the task force by the speaker;

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6 (iii) One (1) member who shall be the director
7 of the department of health or his designee;

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9 (iv) One (1) member who shall be a health care
10 provider specializing in substance abuse, appointed by the
11 governor;

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13 (v) One (1) member who shall be a law
14 enforcement officer specializing in drug enforcement,
15 appointed by the governor; and

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17 (vi) Two (2) members of the public, appointed by
18 the governor.

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20 (c) Legislative members of the task force shall be
21 paid salary, mileage and per diem expenses as provided in
22 W.S. 28-5-101, but no salary for preparation, for their
23 official duties as members of the task force.

1 Nonlegislative members of the task force shall not receive
2 a salary, but shall be paid mileage and per diem expenses
3 as provided in W.S. 9-3-102 for their official duties as
4 members of the task force. A state or local government
5 employee's service on the task force shall be considered
6 within the scope of the employee's regular duties and the
7 employee's regular pay shall be earned.

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9 (d) The task force shall submit a report on or before
10 October 1, 2019 to the joint labor, health and social
11 services interim committee, joint appropriations committee,
12 management council and the governor. The report shall
13 summarize the work of the task force, the task force's
14 efforts to address the issues set forth in subsection (a)
15 of this section and any recommendations for action.

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17 (e) The task force shall be staffed by the
18 legislative service office.

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20 (f) The task force shall terminate on December 31,
21 2019.

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23 **Section 2.**

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2 (a) There is appropriated thirty-five thousand
3 dollars (\$35,000.00) from the general fund to the
4 legislative service office. This appropriation shall only
5 be expended for salary, mileage and per diem expenses for
6 legislative members appointed to the task force pursuant to
7 section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision
8 of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or
9 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
10 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
11 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2020.

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13 (b) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand
14 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the office of
15 the governor. This appropriation shall only be expended for
16 mileage and per diem expenses for nonlegislative members
17 appointed to the task force pursuant to section 1 of this
18 act. 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, 2020.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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