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SENATE FILE NO. SF0023

Treatment courts-transfer to judicial branch. Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts; transferring responsibility and oversight of the court supervised treatment programs from 2 the department of health to the Wyoming supreme court; 3 specifying terms and conditions of the transfer; amending 4 application approval and expense requirements for treatment 5 programs; making conforming amendments; renumbering 6 provisions; requiring reports; providing for rulemaking; 7 8 and providing for effective dates.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 11

Section 1. W.S. 5-12-101, 7-13-304(d), 7-13-407(a)(i), 7-13-421(h)(ii), 7-16-205(a)(v), 7-18-114(a)(iv), 7-19-106(a)(ix), 9-2-102(a)(iii), 14-3-429(d)(iv), 14-6-247(a)(xiv) and 14-6-429(d)(viii) are amended to read:

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1 2 5-12-101. Short title; court supervised treatment. 3 4 (a) This act shall be known as and may be cited as 5 the "Court Supervised Treatment Programs Act." б 7 (b) Any district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court judge or circuit court magistrate may act as a 8 9 participating judge in a court supervised treatment program 10 established pursuant to W.S. 7-13-1601 through 7-13-1615 11 this act. 12 7-13-304. Imposition or modification of conditions; 13 14 performance of work by defendant. 15 16 (d) As a condition of probation or suspension of 17 sentence, the court may require a defendant to complete 18 successfully a court supervised treatment program qualified 19 under W.S. <u>7-13-1601</u> through <u>7-13-1615</u> <u>5-12-101</u> through 20 5-12-118, a 24/7 sobriety program under W.S. 7-13-1701 21 through 7-13-1710, or both. 22

23 7-13-407. Duties of probation and parole agents.

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1 2 (a) Under direction and supervision of the director, 3 probation and parole agents shall: 4 as otherwise 5 (i) Except directed by the director, devote full time to the performance of their 6 duties in carrying out the provisions of W.S. 5-12-101 7 8 through 5-12-118, 7-9-104, 7-9-107, 7-13-303, 7-13-401 through 7-13-424, 7-13-1101 through 7-13-1105, 7-13-1601 9 10 through 7-13-1615, 7-13-1801 through 7-13-1803 and 11 35-7-1043; 12 7-13-421. Restitution as condition of parole. 13 14 15 The board may require payment of the following (h) 16 obligations as conditions of parole if it finds the parolee is reasonably capable of making the payments, taking into 17 account the factors enumerated in W.S. 7-9-106(a)(iii): 18 19 20 (ii) Court ordered fines, reimbursement for the 21 services of the public defender or court appointed counsel, 22 the surcharge imposed under W.S. 1-40-119 and the surcharge 23 imposed under W.S. 7-13-1616-5-12-118;

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7-16-205. Disposition of earnings; confidentiality of amount. (a) Payment for services performed by any prisoner under W.S. 7-16-202 shall be deposited in the trust and agency account at the institution and shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in this subsection and in the order specified: (v) Court ordered restitution, fines, sanctions and reimbursement for the services of public defender or court appointed counsel, the surcharge imposed under W.S. 1-40-119, victims compensation obligations under W.S. 1-40-112(q) and the surcharge imposed under W.S. 7-13-16165-12-118; 7-18-114. Record and disbursement of wages; exemption from process; confidentiality of amount. (a) Wages earned by an inmate, parolee or offender while in an adult community corrections program shall be retained and accounted for by the program operator and

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shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in this
 subsection and in the order specified:

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4 (iv) Court ordered restitution, fines, sanctions
5 and reimbursement for the services of public defender or
6 court appointed counsel, the surcharge imposed under W.S.
7 1-40-119, victims compensation obligations under W.S.
8 1-40-112(g) and the surcharge imposed under W.S. 7-13-1616
9 5-12-118;

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11 7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of, 12 information.

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14 (a) Criminal history record information shall be
15 disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state,
16 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

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18 (ix) Court supervised treatment program staff 19 solely for the purposes of utilizing the information 20 pursuant to the Court Supervised Treatment Programs Act in 21 title 7, chapter 13, article 6 title 5, chapter 12 of the 22 Wyoming statutes;

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9-2-102. Department of health; duties and
 responsibilities; state grants.

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4 (a) The department of health is the state mental 5 health authority, the developmental disabilities authority 6 and the substance abuse authority. The department through 7 its divisions has the following duties and responsibilities 8 to:

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10 (iii) Establish minimum standards and approve policies and procedures for the establishment and operation 11 12 of community-based mental health, substance abuse and 13 developmental disabilities programs receiving state support. The department through its mental health division 14 and its substance abuse division shall annually withhold 15 16 not less than five percent (5%) of all amounts provided in 17 each contract with a community-based mental health, or substance abuse or drug court program or provider and shall 18 19 not release the funds withheld to the individual program or 20 provider until the respective division and the individual 21 program or provider enter into a written agreement that 22 provides for performance and outcome measures. If the respective division and an individual program or provider 23

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do not enter into a mutually agreed upon set of performance 1 2 and outcome measures, the funds withheld under this 3 paragraph shall revert to the budget reserve account at the 4 end of the biennium in which the funds were withheld; 5 child adjudged neglected; б 14-3-429. Decree where 7 dispositions; terms and conditions; legal custody. 8 9 (d) As a part of any order of disposition and the 10 terms and conditions thereof, the court may: 11 12 (iv) Require the child's parents or quardian and the child to participate in a court supervised treatment 13 program qualified under W.S. 7-13-1601 through 7-13-1615 14 5-12-101 through 5-12-118, provided the court supervised 15 16 treatment program accepts the child's parents or guardian 17 and the child for participation in its program. 18 19 14-6-247. Sanctions common to all levels. 20 21 (a) For a child at any sanction level, the juvenile court may: 22 23

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1	(xiv) Require the child or the child's parents
2	or guardian and the child to participate in a court
3	supervised treatment program qualified under W.S. 7-13-1601
4	through 7-13-1615 5-12-101 through 5-12-118, provided the
5	court supervised treatment program accepts the child's
6	parents or guardian and the child for participation in its
7	program.
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9	14-6-429. Decree where child adjudged in need of
10	supervision; dispositions; terms and conditions; legal
11	custody.
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13	(d) As a part of any order of disposition and the
14	terms and conditions thereof, the court may:
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16	(viii) Require the child's parents or guardian
17	and the child to participate in a court supervised
18	treatment program qualified under W.S. 7-13-1601 through
19	7-13-1615 <u>5-12-101</u> through 5-12-118 , provided the court
20	supervised treatment program accepts the child's parents or
21	guardian and the child for participation in its program.
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1	Section 2. W.S. 7-13-1602 as 5-12-104, 7-13-1605 as
2	5-12-107, 7-13-1606 through 7-13-1608 as 5-12-108 through
3	5-12-110, 7-13-1613 as 5-12-115 and 7-13-1616 as 5-12-118
4	are amended and renumbered to read:
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6	7-13-1602 <u>5-12-104</u> . Definitions.
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8	(a) As used in this act:
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10	(i) "Account" means the court supervised
11	treatment account created by W.S. $7-13-1605(a) - 5-12-107(a)$;
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13	(ii) "Applicant" means the governing body of a
14	city, town or county, a tribal government of either the
15	Northern Arapaho or Eastern Shoshone tribes of the Wind
16	River Indian Reservation or a nonprofit organization
17	recognized under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3);
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19	(iii) "Continuum of care" means a seamless and
20	coordinated course of substance abuse education and
21	treatment designed to meet the needs of drug offenders as
22	they move through the criminal justice system and beyond,
23	maximizing self-sufficiency;

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1 2 (iv) "Department" means the Wyoming department 3 of health; 4 5 (v) "Dual diagnosis" means substance abuse and a co-occurring mental health disorder; 6 7 8 (vi) "Participant" means a substance offender or any other person as provided in title 14 of the Wyoming 9 statutes who has been referred to and accepted into a 10 11 program; 12 13 (vii) "Participating judge" means the district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court judge or 14 15 magistrate acting as part of a program team; 16 17 (viii) "Program" or "court supervised treatment program" means a local court supervised treatment program 18 19 that complies with rules and regulations adopted by the 20 department Wyoming supreme court; 21

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1 (ix) "Program coordinator" means the person 2 responsible for coordinating the establishment, operation, 3 evaluation and integrity of a program; 4 5 the (x) "Program team" means team created 6 pursuant to W.S. 7-13-1609(a) 5-12-111(a); 7 (xi) "Recidivism" means any subsequent criminal 8 9 charge; 10 11 (xii) "Referring judge" means the district, 12 juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court judge or magistrate who refers a substance offender or any other 13 person as provided in title 14 of the Wyoming statutes to a 14 15 program; 16 17 (xiii) "Staffing" means the meeting of a program 18 team before a participant's entry into the program, and 19 during the participant's participation in the program, to 20 plan a coordinated response to the participant's behaviors 21 and needs;

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1 (xiv) "Substance" means alcohol, any controlled substance as defined in W.S. 35-7-1002(a)(iv), 2 any 3 substance used for mind altering purpose or 4 over-the-counter medications and inhalants which are used 5 in a manner not intended by the manufacturer; б 7 (xv) "Substance abuse assessment" means as 8 defined in W.S. 7-13-1301(a)(v); 9 10 (xvi) "Substance abuse treatment" means treatment designed to provide education and therapy 11 12 directed toward ending substance abuse and preventing its return; 13 14 (xvii) "Substance offender" means a person 15 16 charged with a substance related offense or an offense in 17 which substance abuse is determined from the evidence to have been a significant factor in the commission of the 18 19 offense; 20 21 (xviii) "This act" means W.S. 7-13-1601 through 22 7-13-1616-5-12-101 through 5-12-118. 23

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7-13-1605 5-12-107. Establishment of court supervised
 program account; rules and regulations; panel created;
 program funding.

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(a) There is created a court supervised treatment 5 program account. All interest earned on funds within this 6 account shall be deposited in the account. The department 7 8 supreme court shall oversee and provide funding for programs from the court supervised treatment program 9 10 account. Funds within the account shall be expended by the 11 department supreme court for the purposes of this act upon 12 legislative appropriation provided, however, that surcharges deposited in the account pursuant to W.S. 13 7-13-1616(e) 5-12-118(e) shall be distributed to programs 14 by the department supreme court semiannually. Department 15 16 expenses under this act shall not exceed ten percent (10%) 17 of the total amount of funding provided by the department for programs in any fiscal biennium. 18

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20 (b) The <u>department</u> <u>supreme court</u> shall determine 21 whether an application for a program meets the 22 qualifications specified in W.S. <u>7-13-1606(b)</u> <u>5-12-118(b)</u>

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1 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the department
2 <u>supreme court</u> pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.
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4 (C) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the department supreme court shall promulgate rules and 5 regulations necessary to implement this act, including 6 establishing standards consistent with the key components 7 8 of drug courts defined by the United States department of justice or such similar rules as may be adopted by the 9 10 department supreme court. The department of health, in 11 consultation with the supreme court, shall promulgate rules 12 for certification and accreditation requirements for 13 treatment personnel. The rules promulgated by the supreme 14 court shall:

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16 (i) Specify funding formulas for funding from 17 the account which formula shall include provisions 18 requiring local contribution to the cost of a program;

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20 (ii) Require participants to contribute
21 financially to their own program;

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1 (iii) Establish requirements, program operational standards and protocols for programs, program 2 3 team and staff training requirements, program data 4 collection and maintenance, certification requirements for treatment personnel, and 5 incentive sanction and 6 limitations.

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8 (d) A panel, consisting of the attorney general, the 9 directors of the department of health, department of family 10 services and department of corrections, the chairman of the 11 governor's advisory board on substance abuse and violent 12 crimes and the state public defender, or their designees, The supreme court shall make the final determination 13 whether an application for a court supervised treatment 14 program meets the qualifications of this act and shall 15 16 determine the funding amount for each successful applicant. 17 The panel supreme court may deny an application for a new program if the funding 18 for the new program would 19 substantially affect funding levels for existing programs.

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(e) In addition to those funds deposited in the account created by this section, the <u>department supreme</u> court may accept, and shall deposit to the account, any

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gifts, contributions, donations, grants or federal funds 1 2 specifically given to the department supreme court for the 3 benefit of programs in Wyoming. 4 5 (f) Nothing in this act shall prohibit a program from providing supplemental funding. 6 obtaining or All supplemental funds received by a program shall be reported 7 8 to the department supreme court. 9 10 7-13-1606-5-12-108. Establishment of court supervised 11 treatment programs. 12 (a) Any court supervised treatment program that meets 13 the qualifications specified in this section and 14 the 15 department's supreme court's rules and regulations may 16 apply for funding from the account on a form developed by 17 the department supreme court. 18 19 The applicant shall be the contracting agent for (b) 20 all its program contracts. All program employees of a program shall be employees of the applicant that was 21 awarded a grant under this section, but referring judges, 22

23 participating judges, other judicial branch personnel and

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1 department of corrections personnel shall not be program 2 employees. All program funds and grants shall be managed 3 by the applicant to whom a grant is awarded pursuant to the 4 provisions of a contract between the department supreme 5 court and the applicant. б 7 (c) All program billing shall be the responsibility 8 of the applicant. 9 10 (d) The application shall identify participating judges and contain a plan for the participation of judges. 11 12 The plan shall be consistent with rules adopted by the 13 department and the supreme court. 14 15 The application shall specify the treatment (e) 16 services to be provided by the program and shall identify 17 the treatment providers. 18 The application shall include other information 19 (f) 20 that may be required by the department supreme court. 21 7-13-1607 5-12-109. Participation in court supervised 22 treatment program; conditions; extended probation. 23

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2	(a) No substance offender may participate in a
3	program unless the substance offender, in a Wyoming
4	district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court, has
5	been charged with an offense; and:
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7	(i) Has entered an admission, or a guilty or
8	nolo contendere plea;
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10	(ii) Has entered a guilty plea pursuant to W.S.
11	7-13-301;
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13	(iii) Has signed a consent decree under title 14
14	of the Wyoming statutes; or
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16	(iv) Is on parole under the provisions of W.S.
17	7-13-401 et seq.
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19	(b) Any district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or
20	tribal court judge, or magistrate, may refer substance
21	offenders for participation in a program. The referring
22	judge may act as a participating judge in a program as
23	authorized by this act and by rules adopted by the supreme
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1 court. A substance offender who is a defendant in a 2 criminal action or a respondent in a juvenile court action 3 may be referred for participation in a program if: 4 5 (i) A substance abuse assessment reveals that the person is in need of treatment; 6 7 (ii) The referring judge has reason to believe 8 that participation in a program will benefit the person by 9 10 addressing his substance abuse; 11 12 (iii) In a juvenile court case, the referring 13 judge has reason to believe that participation by the child's parent or guardian will be in the best interest of 14 the child; or 15 16 17 (iv) The person's case is processed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. 18 19 20 (c) Participation in a program shall only be with the 21 consent of the referring judge and the participant, and acceptance of the participant by the program team in 22 accordance with a written agreement between the participant 23

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1 and the program team. The agreement shall include the 2 participant's consent to release of medical and other 3 records relevant to his treatment history and assessment 4 that meets the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2(b) or 42 5 C.F.R. part 2.31, as applicable. Prior to a participant's entry into a written agreement, the participating judge 6 shall inform the participant that he may be subject to a 7 8 term of probation that exceeds the maximum term of 9 imprisonment established for the particular offense 10 charged, as provided in W.S. 5-9-134 and 7-13-1614 11 5-12-116.

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(d) Nothing in this act shall confer a right or an 13 expectation of a right to participate in a program, nor 14 15 does this act obligate a program team to accept any 16 proposed participant. Neither the establishment of a 17 program nor anything herein contained shall be construed as limiting the discretion of a prosecuting attorney in regard 18 19 to the prosecution of any criminal or juvenile case. 20 Consent to participation in a program under subsection (c) 21 of this section shall only be required from the referring 22 judge and participant.

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1 7-13-1608 5-12-110. Incentives and sanctions; 2 extended probation. 3 4 (a) The participating judge may grant reasonable 5 incentives under the written agreement under W.S. 7-13-1607(c) 5-12-109(c) if he finds that since the last 6 staffing, the participant: 7 8 9 (i) Is performing satisfactorily in the program; 10 11 (ii) Is benefiting from the program; and 12 (iii) Has not violated any term or condition of 13 14 the agreement. 15 16 (b) The participating judge may impose reasonable 17 sanctions under the written agreement, including but not 18 limited to, expulsion from the program, incarceration for a 19 period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the participant is 20 an adult, or detention for a period not to exceed thirty 21 (30) days if the participant is a juvenile, if the participating judge finds that since the last staffing the 22 participant: 23

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1 (i) Is not performing satisfactorily in the 2 3 program; 4 5 (ii) Is not benefiting from the program; б 7 (iii) Has engaged in conduct rendering the 8 participant unsuitable for the program; 9 10 (iv) Has otherwise violated any term or 11 condition of the written agreement; or 12 13 (v) Is unable to participate in the program. 14 (c) To ensure due process of law, expulsion from the 15 program shall be at the discretion of the participating 16 17 judge, following a hearing, based on the recommendation of the program team. Expulsion shall not occur without the 18 19 participant first being notified of the reasons for the 20 proposed expulsion and given an opportunity to be heard by the program team and the participating judge. 21 22

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1 7-13-1613 5-12-115. Participant information and 2 progress statistics. 3 4 (a) Participants may be required to provide access to the following information, the collection and maintenance 5 of which by the program team shall be in a standardized б 7 format pursuant to department rules and regulations of the 8 supreme court: 9 10 (i) Gender, race, ethnicity, marital status and 11 child custody and support obligations; 12 13 (ii) Criminal history; 14 15 (iii) Substance abuse history, including 16 substances of choice and prior treatment; 17 (iv) Employment, education and income history; 18 19 (v) Number and health of children born to female 20 participants; 21 22

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1 (vi) Incidents of recidivism occurring before, 2 during and after successful completion of a program, or 3 failed participation in a program. 4 5 shall maintain and (b) Programs report to the department supreme court the following information pursuant 6 7 to department supreme court rules and regulations, none of 8 which shall identify the participants: 9 10 (i) The number of participants screened for eligibility, the number of eligible persons who were, and 11 12 who were not, admitted to the program and their case 13 dispositions; 14 15 (ii) The costs of operation and sources of 16 funding of the program. 17 7-13-1616 5-12-118. Surcharge to be 18 assessed in 19 certain criminal cases; paid to account. 20 21 (a) In addition to any fine or other penalty prescribed by law, a defendant who pleads guilty or nolo 22 contendere to, or is convicted of, any offense under W.S. 23

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31-5-233 or 35-7-1001 through 35-7-1057 may be assessed a
 surcharge of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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4 (b) The surcharge may be imposed upon any defendant 5 for whom prosecution, trial or sentence is deferred under 6 W.S. 7-13-301 and 7-13-302 or 35-7-1037 or who participates 7 in any other diversion agreement for an offense specified 8 in subsection (a) of this section.

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10 (c) The court may waive the surcharge if the person 11 is unable to pay the surcharge or for any other good cause 12 shown. The court shall consider all other financial 13 obligations imposed on the defendant and set the surcharge 14 so as not to create an undue financial burden on the 15 defendant.

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(d) The surcharge shall be paid within ten (10) days of imposition. Failure to comply with the provisions for payment of the surcharge is punishable as contempt of court. Contempt or other proceedings, including proceedings under W.S. 6-10-105, if applicable, to collect the surcharge may be initiated by the district attorney or by the court on its own motion.

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1 2 (e) The proceeds from the surcharge imposed by this 3 section shall be remitted promptly by the clerk of the 4 court to the department supreme court for deposit in the 5 account. б Section 3. W.S. 7-13-1603, 7-13-1604, 7-13-1609, 7 7-13-1610, 7-13-1611, 7-13-1612, 7-13-1614 and 7-13-1615 8 are renumbered as 5-12-105, 5-12-106, 5-12-111, 5-12-112, 9 5-12-113, 5-12-114, 5-12-116 and 5-12-117. 10 11 12 Section 4. W.S. 7-13-1601 is repealed. 13 14 Section 5. 15 (a) The court supervised treatment program 16 17 established in title 7, chapter 13, article 16 of the Wyoming statutes, as renumbered by this act, shall be 18 19 transferred from the department of health to the supreme 20 court on July 1, 2024. All property, equipment, obligations and unexpended funds of the court supervised treatment unit 21 (unit 2503) of the department of health 22 shall be

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transferred to the supreme court on July 1, 2024, except as
 otherwise provided in this section.

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4 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair existing contracts, agreements or other obligations of the 5 court supervised treatment program that the department of б health entered into on the program's behalf before July 1, 7 8 2024. The supreme court shall, to the greatest extent authorized by law and upon assuming responsibility for the 9 10 supervised treatment program, fulfill existing court 11 agreements, contracts and other obligations of the court 12 supervised treatment program entered into before July 1, 13 2024. For any existing agreement, contract or other obligation that the supreme court cannot assume lawfully, 14 the department of health shall retain those agreements, 15 16 contracts and other obligations.

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Any unexpended, unobligated funds appropriated 18 (C) 19 any positions allocated to the court supervised and 20 treatment unit of the department of health as of July 1, 21 2024 shall be transferred to the supreme court on July 1, any 22 2024. For purposes of this subsection, funds appropriated and any positions allocated to the 23 court

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supervised treatment unit of the department of health

2 during the 2024 budget session of the legislature shall be 3 transferred to the supreme court on July 1, 2024. 4 Section 6. 5 б (a) The supreme court shall promulgate all rules 7 8 necessary to implement and manage the court supervised treatment program. 9 10 11 (b) Beginning with the effective date of this section 12 until July 1, 2024, the department of health shall consult with the supreme court regarding any agreement, contract or 13 other obligation the department of health seeks to enter 14 into on behalf of the court supervised treatment program. 15 16 17 (c) Not later than August 1, 2023, the supreme court and the department of health shall report to the joint 18 judiciary committee on a plan for transferring the court 19 20 supervised treatment program and its functions and 21 responsibilities to the supreme court. The report shall include any recommendations for legislation the supreme 22 23 court or the department of health determine is necessary to

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1 effectuate the transfer of the court supervised treatment 2 program to the supreme court. The committee shall sponsor 3 any necessary legislation to correct or improve the outcome 4 of any issue identified in the report submitted under this subsection. 5 6 7 Section 7. 8 9 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this 10 section, this act is effective July 1, 2024. 11 (b) Sections 6 and 7 of this act are effective 12 13 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of 14 the Wyoming Constitution. 15 16 17 (END)

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