

Bill No.: HB0019 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0236**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0019

Chapter No.: 41

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: **State Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force.**

Subject: Creating a task force relating to Indian children.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the state Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force.
- The purpose of the Task Force is to study the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), other states' Indian child welfare laws and existing protections and provisions for Indian children throughout Wyoming statutes.
- The Task Force shall develop legislative recommendations to incorporate the protections and procedures of ICWA into state law.

Comments:

- No later than July 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its determinations and any recommendations to the Select Committee on Tribal Relations, the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee and the governor.
- Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Governor's Office to provide a salary, mileage and per diem to non-legislative Task Force members.
- Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative Service Office to provide a salary, mileage and per diem to legislative Task Force members.
- The Task Force shall include two members from the Wyoming House of Representatives and two members from the Wyoming Senate.
- The Task Force shall terminate December 31, 2024.

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