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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Wyoming public records website.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; requiring the [entity] to
2 maintain a Wyoming public records website; requiring public
3 records to be posted or linked to the website as specified;
4 providing for rulemaking; requiring a report; providing for
5 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-206 is created to read:

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11 **16-4-206. Wyoming public records website.**

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1 (a) The [entity] shall create and maintain a Wyoming
2 public records website that makes certain public records
3 available to the public in accordance with this section. The
4 website shall provide access to:

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6 (i) Public records that are capable of being viewed
7 and downloaded;

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9 (ii) Links to public records that are on a website
10 maintained by the state or any agency, institution or
11 political subdivision of the state.

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13 (b) The [entity] shall adopt rules that:

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15 (i) Identify the type and nature of public records
16 that will be made available on the website based on the
17 following considerations:

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19 (A) The cost effectiveness of providing the
20 records;

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22 (B) The value of the records to the public;

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1 (C) Privacy and security implications;

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3 (D) The availability or potential
4 availability of the records in a format that would allow the
5 records to be available on the website.

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7 (ii) Establish a schedule for initial and ongoing
8 posting of public records on the website or linking to public
9 records on the website;

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11 (iii) Provide uniform standards for the format of
12 public records posted on the website;

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14 (iv) Provide guidelines necessary to assist
15 agencies, institutions and political subdivisions of the
16 state in identifying and reviewing public records made
17 available on the website;

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19 (v) Provide other standards and requirements
20 necessary for the purpose of implementing this section.

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22 (c) Beginning [date], all agencies, institutions and
23 political subdivisions of the state shall make available on

1 the website public records or links to public records in
2 accordance with this section. The [entity] shall coordinate
3 the receipt and posting of public records or links to public
4 records on the website.

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6 (d) As used in this section, "public records" means
7 those public records defined in W.S. 16-4-201(a)(v) and
8 identified by the [entity] under paragraph (b)(i) of this
9 section.

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11 **Section 2.**

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13 (a) The [entity] shall report to the joint corporations,
14 elections and political subdivisions interim committee and
15 the joint appropriations committee not later than November 1,
16 2019 on the Wyoming public records website. The report shall
17 include:

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19 (i) The status of the creation of the website and
20 the timeline for implementation;

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1 (ii) An explanation of the type and nature of
2 public records that have been identified for inclusion on the
3 website;

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5 (iii) An explanation and accounting of
6 expenditures related to the creation of the website and an
7 estimate of the costs of maintaining the website;

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9 (iv) A recommendation on whether the Wyoming
10 public finance and expenditure of funds website created by
11 W.S. 9-2-1036(a) should be continued or merged with the
12 Wyoming public records website.

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14 **Section 3.** There is appropriated [dollar amount] from
15 the general fund to the [entity]. This appropriation shall
16 only be expended for the purpose of creating and maintaining
17 the Wyoming public records website as required by this act.
18 Funds appropriated under this section shall be for the period
19 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June
20 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds
21 appropriated under this section shall not be transferred or
22 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,

1 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
2 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2020.

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

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