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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Select committee on blockchain, technology and innovation.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating the select
2 committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital
3 innovation; providing for appointment of members and
4 executive branch liaisons; providing appropriations; and
5 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. 28-11-601 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON BLOCKCHAIN, FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY AND

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DIGITAL INNOVATION

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2 **28-11-601. Appointment of members; powers and duties;**
3 **executive branch liaisons.**

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5 (a) Not later than March 15 following each general
6 election, a select committee on blockchain, financial
7 technology and digital innovation shall be appointed subject
8 to the following:

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10 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint three
11 (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as possible
12 to reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the
13 majority and minority parties of the senate, provided not
14 more than two (2) of the members shall be from the same
15 political party. The president of the senate shall designate
16 a co-chair of the select committee;

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18 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives
19 shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as
20 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
21 membership of the majority and minority parties of the house,
22 provided not more than two (2) of the members shall be from

1 the same political party. The speaker of the house shall
2 designate a co-chair of the select committee.

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4 (b) The select committee shall:

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6 (i) Develop knowledge and expertise among its
7 members regarding issues pertaining to blockchain, financial
8 technology and digital innovation;

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10 (ii) Develop and introduce legislation as
11 necessary to promote blockchain, financial technology and
12 digital innovation in Wyoming.

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14 (c) Not later than March 15 following each general
15 election, the governor shall appoint three (3) persons to
16 serve as liaisons to the select committee on blockchain,
17 financial technology and digital innovation. The governor
18 may, in a manner consistent with W.S. 9-1-202, remove any
19 liaison to the select committee. The liaisons shall:

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21 (i) Aid, assist and advise the select committee on
22 issues pertaining to blockchain, financial technology and
23 digital innovation;

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(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, serve without salary but may, at the governor's discretion, receive per diem and mileage or actual expenses for attending meetings in the manner and amounts provided by law for state employees. Members who are government employees shall be considered on official business of their agency when performing duties as liaisons to the select committee.

(a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act:

(i) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall appoint members to the initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(a), as created by this act;

(ii) The governor shall appoint liaisons to the initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology

1 and digital innovation in accordance with the requirements of
2 W.S. 28-11-601(c), as created by this act.

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4 **Section 3.**

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6 (a) There is appropriated thirty-three thousand dollars
7 (\$33,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service
8 office. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning
9 with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022.
10 This appropriation shall only be expended for salary, mileage
11 and per diem of legislative members appointed to the select
12 committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital
13 innovation and for other expenses of the select committee as
14 authorized by the management council. Notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
16 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
17 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
18 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
19 2022.

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21 (b) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
22 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office.
23 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the

1 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This
2 appropriation shall only be expended for per diem and mileage
3 or actual expenses of liaisons appointed to the select
4 committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital
5 innovation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
6 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
7 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining
8 from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on
9 June 30, 2022.

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

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