

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; requiring coordination between the  
 4 advisory council on palliative care and the opioid  
 5 addiction task force; providing appropriations; and  
 6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-1202 (g) (v) is amended to read:

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12 **35-1-1202. Advisory council on palliative care.**

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14 (g) The council shall:

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1           (v) Seek opportunities to open a dialogue with  
2 law enforcement, ~~and~~ regulatory bodies and the opioid  
3 addiction task force on how to accommodate the legitimate  
4 uses of prescription drugs for palliative care with efforts  
5 to control the dangerous and illegal uses of those drugs;

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7           **Section 2.**

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

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12           (i) Prescription drug monitoring programs and  
13 electronic prescribing systems, including the controlled  
14 substances prescription tracking program under W.S.  
15 35-7-1060 and patient prescription history verification  
16 requirements;

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18           (ii) Grants relating to substance abuse  
19 education, prevention, treatment and recovery made  
20 available by the federal government, the state of Wyoming  
21 and other organizations;

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

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4           (iv) The quality and availability of treatment  
5 for opioid addiction and overdoses in Wyoming;

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7           (v) Strategies to reduce the administration of  
8 opioids including promotion of alternative treatments,  
9 methods and possible limits on the quantity of opioids that  
10 a health care provider is authorized to prescribe;

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12           (vi) Authorized uses of opioids and any needed  
13 legal exceptions for authorized uses;

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

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

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1           (ix) Prescriber and dispenser education relating  
2 to opioids;

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4           (x) Necessary law enforcement strategies and  
5 tools;

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7           (xi) Any relevant findings developed by the  
8 advisory council on palliative care; and

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10           (xii) Any other matter relating to opioids  
11 determined to be relevant by the task force.

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13           (b) The task force shall consist of fourteen (14)  
14 members as follows:

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16           (i) Two (2) members of the senate, appointed by  
17 the president of the senate, one of whom shall be  
18 designated chairman of the task force by the president;

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20           (ii) Two (2) members of the house of  
21 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
22 representatives, one of whom shall be designated vice  
23 chairman of the task force by the speaker;

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

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5 (iv) One (1) member who shall be a mental health  
6 care provider specializing in mental health and substance  
7 abuse, appointed by the governor;

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9 (v) One (1) member who shall be a law  
10 enforcement officer specializing in drug enforcement,  
11 appointed by the governor;

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13 (vi) Two (2) members of the public, appointed by  
14 the governor;

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16 (vii) One (1) member from the attorney general's  
17 office, appointed by the governor;

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19 (viii) One (1) member who shall be a practicing  
20 pharmacist, appointed by the governor;

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1           (ix) One (1) member who shall be a board of  
2 pharmacy member familiar with the prescription drug  
3 monitoring program, appointed by the governor;

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5           (x) One (1) member who is chairman of the  
6 advisory council on palliative care, or his designee;

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8           (xi) One (1) member who shall be engaged in the  
9 treatment of chronic pain, appointed by the governor.

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11           (c) Legislative members of the task force shall be  
12 paid salary, mileage and per diem expenses as provided in  
13 W.S. 28-5-101, but no salary for preparation, for their  
14 official duties as members of the task force.  
15 Nonlegislative members of the task force shall not receive  
16 a salary, but shall be paid mileage and per diem expenses  
17 as provided in W.S. 9-3-102 for their official duties as  
18 members of the task force. A state or local government  
19 employee's service on the task force shall be considered  
20 within the scope of the employee's regular duties and the  
21 employee's regular pay shall be earned.

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1           (d) The task force shall submit a preliminary report  
2 on or before October 1, 2018 to the joint labor, health and  
3 social services interim committee, joint appropriations  
4 committee, management council and the governor. The report  
5 shall summarize the work of the task force, the task  
6 force's efforts to address the issues set forth in  
7 subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations for  
8 action. The task force shall submit a final report  
9 addressing the issues required by this subsection,  
10 including any recommendations for action, on or before  
11 October 1, 2019.

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13           (e) The task force shall be staffed by the  
14 legislative service office.

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16           (f) The task force shall terminate on December 31,  
17 2019.

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19           **Section 3.**

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21           (a) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand  
22 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the  
23 legislative service office. This appropriation shall only

1 be expended for salary, mileage and per diem expenses for  
2 legislative members appointed to the task force pursuant to  
3 section 2 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision  
4 of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or  
5 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
6 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall  
7 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2020.

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9 (b) There is appropriated forty thousand dollars  
10 (\$40,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the  
11 governor. This appropriation shall only be expended for  
12 mileage and per diem expenses for nonlegislative members  
13 appointed to the task force pursuant to section 2 of this  
14 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
15 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
16 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
17 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
18 by law on June 30, 2020.

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1           **Section 4.** 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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