

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0188

Consolidated department of health and family services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen, Nicholas, Sommers  
and Walters

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;  
2 transferring all department of family services programs and  
3 functions to the department of health; requiring reports;  
4 and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2005 by creating a new subsection  
9 (m) and 9-2-2006 by creating a new subsection (k) are  
10 amended to read:

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12 **9-2-2005. Department of health created; director**  
13 **appointed; structure; departments of health and family**  
14 **services combined.**

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1       (m) On or before July 1, 2018, the department of  
2 health shall include all programs and functions previously  
3 assigned to the department of family services created by  
4 W.S. 9-2-2006.

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6       **9-2-2006. Department of family services created;**  
7 **director appointed; structure; departments of health and**  
8 **family services combined.**

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10       (k) On or before July 1, 2018, all programs and  
11 functions of the department of family services shall be  
12 transferred to the department of health created by W.S.  
13 9-2-2005. The combined department shall be known as the  
14 department of health. Any statute, rule or legal or other  
15 document which refers to the department of family services  
16 shall mean the department of health which is the successor  
17 to the department of family services.

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19       **Section 2.**

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21       (a) The director of the department of health shall be  
22 the director of the combined department as provided for in  
23 this act unless otherwise removed by the governor.

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2 (b) The director shall plan for the transfer of all  
3 programs and functions from the department of family  
4 services to the department of health. The transfer shall  
5 become effective on or before July 1, 2018.

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7 (c) The transfer of programs and functions from the  
8 department of family services to the department of health  
9 shall be deemed a type 1 transfer as defined in W.S.  
10 9-2-1707(b) (i).

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12 (d) The director shall prepare a status report on the  
13 transfer of all programs and functions from the department  
14 of family services to the department of health. The status  
15 report shall:

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17 (i) Consider and make recommendations as to  
18 whether the services of the department of health and  
19 department of family services may be provided at  
20 consolidated physical locations to maximize efficiency and  
21 convenience to the public;

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1           (ii) Identify the costs to consolidate the  
2 services of the department of health and department of  
3 family services;

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5           (iii) Recommend programs and functions of the  
6 department of health and department of family services that  
7 may be further consolidated as a result of the transfer  
8 required by this act;

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10           (iv) Identify any statutory amendments, rule and  
11 procedural amendments and other regulatory amendments  
12 necessary to further implement the transfer of programs and  
13 functions from the department of family services to the  
14 department of health as required by this act;

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16           (v) Identify any other issues or factors  
17 relevant to the transfer of programs and functions from the  
18 department of family services to the department of health  
19 as required by this act.

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21           (e) No later than October 1, 2018, the director shall  
22 submit the status report required by subsection (d) of this  
23 section to the governor, the joint appropriations committee

1 and the joint labor, health and social services interim  
2 committee and shall make the report available to the  
3 public. The joint labor, health and social services interim  
4 committee shall consider the report and develop legislation  
5 it deems appropriate for consideration by the legislature  
6 in the 2019 general session.

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8       **Section 3.** The validity of rules, regulations,  
9 contracts, amendments or other obligations of the  
10 department of family services is not affected by this act.  
11 The rules and regulations shall continue in effect until  
12 amended or repealed by rules and regulations adopted by the  
13 department of health as provided for in this act.

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

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