

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0058

Wyoming senior services board.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady, Alden, Hinckley,
Iekel, Lockhart and Martin and Senator(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to a Wyoming senior services board;
2 creating a board, providing for membership and duties of
3 the board; specifying the distribution of funds;
4 authorizing rules and regulations; requiring reports;
5 providing definitions; providing an appropriation; 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. 9-2-1210 through 9-2-1215 are created
11 to read:

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13 **9-2-1210. Wyoming senior services board created.**

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1 There is created the Wyoming senior services board. The
2 board shall consult with the division on aging to determine
3 the award of grants under W.S. 9-2-1214.

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5 **9-2-1211. Wyoming senior services board; members;**
6 **expenses.**

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8 (a) The Wyoming senior services board shall consist
9 of seven (7) members, as follows:

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11 (i) The administrator of the division on aging
12 within the department of health or his designee;

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14 (ii) One (1) member of the advisory council on
15 aging appointed by the governor;

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17 (iii) Three (3) persons who are senior citizens
18 appointed by the governor;

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20 (iv) One (1) member of the senate appointed by
21 the president of the senate;

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1 (v) One (1) member of the house of
2 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives.

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5 (b) The terms of members appointed under paragraphs
6 (a)(ii) and (iii) of this section shall be for four (4)
7 years. Legislators shall serve only for the term of office
8 during which they were appointed. Of the initial appointees
9 under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section, two (2) members
10 shall be appointed for two (2) years and one (1) member
11 shall be appointed for four (4) years. The governor may
12 remove any member appointed under paragraph (a)(ii) or
13 (iii) of this section as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. A
14 vacancy on the board shall be filled for the balance of the
15 unexpired term. The board shall select one (1) of its
16 members to serve as chairman.

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18 (c) The board shall meet not less than two (2) times
19 each year. Members shall serve without compensation but
20 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the
21 performance of their official duties in the manner and
22 amounts provided by law for state employees. Members who
23 are government employees or public officials shall be

1 considered on official business of their agency when
2 performing duties as members of the board.

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4 **9-2-1212. Board; duties and responsibilities.**

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6 (a) The Wyoming senior services board shall:

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8 (i) Review innovative program grants and grant
9 proposals;

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11 (ii) Approve criteria for grant categories and
12 grant applications through rules and regulations
13 promulgated by the division on aging to meet the following
14 public purposes:

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16 (A) To meet the demands of Wyoming's
17 growing elderly population;

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19 (B) To enhance services to Wyoming's senior
20 citizens;

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22 (C) To strengthen the opportunity for
23 senior citizens to age in the least restrictive environment
24 possible;

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(D) To be cost effective in the provision
of services to senior citizens;

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(E) To promote compliance with federal and
state mandates requiring placement of people in the least
restrictive environment; and

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(F) To supplement and enhance existing
programs providing services to senior citizens in the
state.

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(iii) Review and monitor the expenditure of
monies awarded under W.S. 9-2-1214;

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(iv) In consultation with the division on aging,
promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in accordance
with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act to implement
the provisions of W.S. 9-2-1210 through 9-2-1215; and

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(v) Consider other necessary matters.

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(b) In fulfilling its duties under subsection (a) of
this section, the board shall:

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10 **9-2-1213. Division on aging; duties.**

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(i) Consult with the division on aging and the advisory council on aging appointed pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1206, as necessary;

(ii) Accept federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts, bequests and donations from any source.

(a) The division on aging shall:

(i) Maintain, manage and be responsible for the distribution of the funds appropriated for distribution under W.S. 9-2-1214;

(ii) Disburse the funds appropriated in accordance with awards made by the board pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1214.

9-2-1214. Disbursement of grants.

1 (a) From the funds available for distribution, the
2 board may award grants to senior centers throughout the
3 state to support the purposes specified in W.S.
4 9-2-1212(a)(ii). The division on aging shall disburse the
5 funds in accordance with awards made by the board under
6 this section.

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8 (b) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, unobligated or
9 unencumbered funds retained by the division on aging under
10 this section shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal period
11 and shall remain available for distribution as provided in
12 this section.

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14 (c) The board, in consultation with the division on
15 aging, shall by rule and regulation establish a formula for
16 distribution of funds available for distribution under this
17 section as follows:

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19 (i) Each eligible senior center in the state may
20 receive a basic grant not to exceed twenty thousand dollars
21 (\$20,000.00) from the funds available for distribution;

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23 (ii) Of the amounts remaining after the basic
24 grants are awarded, the board shall award grants to

1 eligible senior centers based on the formula developed by
2 the division on aging and approved by the board.

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4 **9-2-1215. Biennial report by board.**

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6 Beginning September 1, 2003, the board shall report to the
7 division on aging, the governor and the joint labor, health
8 and social services interim committee no later than
9 September 1 of each odd-numbered year with respect to the
10 grants awarded, and how those grants have benefited senior
11 citizens in the state.

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13 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1201(a) is amended to read:

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15 **9-2-1201. Definitions.**

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17 (a) As used in this act:

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19 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming senior services
20 advisory board created by W.S. 9-2-1211;

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22 (ii) "Division on aging" means the division
23 within the Wyoming department of health designated pursuant
24 to W.S. 9-2-1302(a)(iv);

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(iii) "Senior center" means an organization that receives funds under the federal administration on aging Title IIIB supportive services program or Title IIIC nutrition program, excluding organizations that only receive Title IIIB supportive services funds used exclusively for transportation. The term "senior center" may include a community facility or statewide service, which is the focal point for providing a broad spectrum of services including health, mental health, social, nutritional, recreational and educational services for senior citizens;

~~(i)~~(iv) "Senior citizen" means any person sixty (60) years of age or older;

~~(ii)~~(v) "This act" means W.S. 9-2-1201 through ~~9-2-1208~~9-2-1215.

Section 3. There is appropriated two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the general fund to the division on aging to administer the Wyoming senior services board and to provide grants authorized by this act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

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Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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