

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0058

Wyoming senior services board.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady, Alden, Hinckley,  
Iekel, Lockhart and Martin and Senator(s)  
Anderson, J., Boggs, Geis and Vasey

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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15 There is created the Wyoming senior services board managed  
16 by the division on aging. The division shall consult with

1 the board to determine the award of grants under W.S.  
2 9-2-1214.

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4 **9-2-1211. Wyoming senior services board; members;**  
5 **expenses.**

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

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

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

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

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

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22 (v) One (1) member of the house of  
23 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of  
24 representatives.

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

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

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24 **9-2-1212. Board; duties and responsibilities.**

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2 (a) The Wyoming senior services board shall:

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4 (i) Review innovative program grants and grant  
5 proposals;

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7 (ii) Approve criteria for grant categories and  
8 grant applications through rules and regulations  
9 promulgated by the division on aging to meet the following  
10 public purposes:

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12 (A) To meet the demands of Wyoming's  
13 growing elderly population;

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15 (B) To enhance services to Wyoming's senior  
16 citizens;

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18 (C) To strengthen the opportunity for  
19 senior citizens to age in the least restrictive environment  
20 possible;

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

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

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

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

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

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17                   (v) Consider other necessary matters.

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

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22                   (i) Consult with the division on aging and the  
23 advisory council on aging appointed pursuant to W.S.  
24 9-2-1206, as necessary;

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

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(a) The division on aging shall:

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**9-2-1214. Disbursement of grants.**

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(a) From the funds available for distribution, the board may award grants to senior centers throughout the state to support the purposes specified in W.S. 9-2-1212(a)(ii). The division on aging shall disburse the

1 funds in accordance with awards made by the board under  
2 this section.

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

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

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15 (i) Each eligible senior center in the state may  
16 receive a basic grant not to exceed twenty thousand dollars  
17 (\$20,000.00) from the funds available for distribution;

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19 (ii) Of the amounts remaining after the basic  
20 grants are awarded, the board shall award grants to  
21 eligible senior centers based on the formula developed by  
22 the division on aging and approved by the board.

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1           (d) If the local government entity having  
2 jurisdiction in the locality where a grantee is situated  
3 reduces its financial support for a grantee who receives  
4 funds under this section, the grantee shall have its award  
5 reduced in the subsequent fiscal year by an amount equal to  
6 the amount of reduction in funds from the local government  
7 entity.

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

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

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

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20           **9-2-1201. Definitions.**

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22           (a) As used in this act:

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

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

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

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

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23           ~~(ii)~~(v) "This act" means W.S. 9-2-1201 through  
24 ~~9-2-1208~~9-2-1215.

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

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

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