

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0308

Methamphetamine initiative.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Osborn, Bagby, Brechtel,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to methamphetamine and other controlled
2 substances; authorizing programs to address problems
3 associated with illegal use of methamphetamine and other
4 controlled substances; authorizing funding to increase
5 access to treatment for persons addicted to methamphetamine
6 and other controlled substances as specified; increasing
7 funding for law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys
8 efforts to prosecute illegal use of methamphetamine and
9 other controlled substances and to address associated
10 problems; providing funding for education and prevention;
11 providing appropriations; and providing for an effective
12 date.

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

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1 **Section 1.**

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3 (a) There is appropriated two million dollars
4 (\$2,000,000.00) from the general fund to the department of
5 health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, to
6 increase access to treatment for persons addicted to
7 methamphetamine and other controlled substances.

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9 (b) Public or private entities may apply for grants
10 under this section to fund access to treatment for persons
11 addicted to methamphetamine and other controlled
12 substances. Grant requests shall be reviewed by the
13 department of health. The department of health shall make
14 recommendations for funding to the governor's advisory
15 board on substance abuse and violent crime, which shall
16 determine the grants to be awarded. Any funds awarded
17 under this section shall not be used to supplant funds
18 currently being used by the public or private entity for
19 the purposes specified in this subsection.

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21 (c) In reviewing and awarding grants under this act,
22 the department of health and the governor's advisory board
23 on substance abuse and violent crime shall consider:

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1 (i) Geographic distribution of treatment
2 resources;

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4 (ii) A projection of the number of persons that
5 will be treated at a facility, using law enforcement
6 statistics with respect to the number of arrests for
7 methamphetamine and other illegal controlled substance use
8 in each region of the state and other data demonstrating
9 need;

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11 (iii) The amount of monies or other forms of
12 contribution public or private entities will agree to
13 provide in matching funds. The local match shall be in an
14 amount of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) for every three
15 dollars (\$3.00) of state funds provided.

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17 (d) To the extent appropriated funds under this
18 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
19 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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21 **Section 2.**

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23 (a) There is appropriated five million dollars
24 (\$5,000,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the

1 attorney general for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 2005, to provide local governments with grants for the
3 purpose of employing law enforcement officers and
4 prosecuting attorneys, or providing overtime pay to current
5 law enforcement officers to investigate and assist in the
6 prosecution of offenses related to the use, sale or
7 manufacture of methamphetamine or other controlled
8 substances, including related juvenile probation services,
9 creation or augmentation of drug courts and environmental
10 corrective actions necessary to eliminate the hazardous
11 wastes caused by illegal methamphetamine labs.

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13 (b) The attorney general shall establish criteria for
14 reviewing and awarding grants under this section that meet
15 the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of this section.

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17 (c) Local governments and the office of public
18 defender may apply for grants under this section. Grant
19 requests shall be reviewed by the attorney general's office
20 who shall make recommendations for funding to the
21 governor's advisory board on substance abuse and violent
22 crime, which board shall determine the grants to be
23 awarded. Any funds awarded under this section shall not be
24 used to supplant funds currently being used by the local

1 government or the office of the public defender for the
2 purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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4 (d) To the extent appropriated funds under this
5 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
6 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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8 **Section 3.**

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10 (a) There is hereby appropriated two million dollars
11 (\$2,000,000.00) from the general fund to the department of
12 family services for the purpose of providing training that
13 uses best practices to improve parenting skills under a
14 program funded in years 2003 and 2004 through the use of
15 federal temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) funds
16 received by the state of Wyoming as a one-time bonus
17 payment.

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19 (b) There is hereby appropriated five hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the school foundation
21 program account to the department of education for the
22 purpose of providing grants to local communities for the
23 purpose of promoting comprehensive school health programs
24 under rules promulgated by the department of education.

1 Programs receiving grants under this paragraph shall
2 demonstrate community collaboration and use of best
3 practices to reduce drop out rates and risky behaviors. In
4 promulgating the rules and awarding grants, the department
5 of education shall collaborate with the department of
6 family services and the department of health.

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8 (c) There is hereby appropriated five hundred
9 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the school foundation
10 program account to the department of education to assist
11 alternative schools in using best practices to motivate at
12 risk students to make positive choices about the use of
13 alcohol and other drugs.

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15 (d) As used in this section, "best practices" means
16 as defined in W.S. 9-2-2702.

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18 (e) Any funds awarded under this section shall not be
19 used to supplant funds currently being used for the
20 purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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22 (f) To the extent appropriated funds under this
23 section are unobligated or unencumbered, the funds shall
24 revert to the general fund as provided in W.S. 9-4-207(a).

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Section 4.

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4 (a) The department of health shall prepare a request
5 for proposal and solicit proposals from interested public
6 and private entities to increase access to residential
7 treatment for those who are addicted to methamphetamine and
8 other controlled substances. The request for proposal shall
9 be issued no later than sixty (60) days after the effective
10 date of this act. The request for proposal shall:

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12 (i) Solicit proposals to provide treatment as
13 set forth in this subsection;

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15 (ii) Give preference to proposals that make use
16 of existing facilities;

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18 (iii) Require that proposals include an amount
19 of monies or other forms of contributions that public or
20 private entities will provide in matching funds. The local
21 match shall be in an amount of not less than one dollar
22 (\$1.00) for every three dollars (\$3.00) of state funds
23 provided;

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1 (iv) Require the proposals to set forth the
2 manner in which the on-going operations of the program will
3 be financially sustained;

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5 (iv) Include other provisions as may be deemed
6 appropriate by the department of health.

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8 (b) Not later than October 30, 2005, the department
9 of health, in consultation with the governor's advisory
10 board on substance abuse and violent crime, shall review
11 all proposals submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
12 section and submit recommendations to the joint labor,
13 health and social services interim committee and joint
14 appropriations interim committee.

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16 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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