

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0004

ENROLLED ACT NO. 24, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to energy and natural resources; creating the Wyoming coal marketing program; providing program standards and purposes; creating an account; authorizing the acceptance of donations; providing an appropriation; requiring rulemaking; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1.

(a) There is created the Wyoming coal marketing program to be administered by the governor. The purpose of the program is to protect and expand Wyoming's coal markets and coal facilities and to address impacts cities, towns and counties have experienced or will experience due to changes in the coal market.

(b) The governor shall expend funds appropriated to the governor for operating the program only on the following:

(i) Projects with a public benefit associated with expanding and protecting Wyoming's coal markets and coal facilities;

(ii) Projects with a public benefit that address impacts cities, towns and counties have experienced or will experience due to changes in the coal market.

(c) No funds shall be provided for projects under this chapter without the written opinion of the attorney general certifying the legality of the transaction and all documents connected therewith.

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(d) On or before October 1 of each year, the governor shall report to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee on the projects funded by the coal marketing program. The report shall include the amount, the recipient and a description of each project funded.

(e) There is created the Wyoming coal marketing program account. All funds in the account are continuously appropriated to the governor to be expended for the purposes of this chapter and as otherwise specified by law. The governor may expend funds in this account as provided in subsection (b) of this section. Interest earned on funds in the account shall be deposited in the account.

(f) The governor may accept, and shall deposit in the account, any gifts, contributions, donations, grants or federal funds specifically designated for the benefit of the Wyoming coal marketing program or any project funded under the program.

Section 2. There is appropriated one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund to the coal marketing program account created by Section 1(e) of this act. The governor shall only expend this appropriation for the Wyoming coal marketing program as provided for in Section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Section 3. The governor shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the Wyoming coal marketing program.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this

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section, this act is effective July 1, 2020.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk