

SENATE FILE NO. SF0058

Wyoming council for women's issues-workforce services.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming council for women's issues;
2 placing the council for women's issues within the
3 department of workforce services; transferring authority,
4 positions, property, equipment and funding for the council
5 for women's issues from the Wyoming business council; 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. 9-12-501 and 9-12-502 as 9-2-603 and
11 9-2-604 are amended and renumbered to read:

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13 ~~9-12-501~~ 9-2-603. Wyoming council for women's issues;
14 creation; areas of attention.

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1 (a) The Wyoming council for women's issues is created
2 within the ~~Wyoming business council~~ department of workforce
3 services. The council for women's issues shall focus
4 attention on the status of women in Wyoming with emphasis
5 on the following areas:

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7 (i) Employment practices;

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9 (ii) Educational opportunities;

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11 (iii) Home and community;

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13 (iv) Legal rights and responsibilities.

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15 (b) As used in this article, unless otherwise
16 specified, "council" means the Wyoming council for women's
17 issues.

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19 ~~9-12-502~~ 9-2-604. Membership; term; appointments;
20 vacancies; removal; officers; acceptance of gifts and
21 donations; expenses.

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1 (a) The council shall be composed of fourteen (14)
2 members, each of whom shall serve for a term of six (6)
3 years. The governor shall make the appointments and fill
4 any vacancies for unexpired terms. The governor may remove
5 any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. The council shall
6 be composed of one (1) woman from each of the judicial
7 districts in the state, four (4) persons chosen at large
8 and the ~~chief executive officer of the Wyoming business~~
9 ~~council or his~~ director of the department of workforce
10 services or the director's designee who shall be an ex
11 officio member. Not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of
12 the members shall be from the same political party. Of the
13 initial members appointed from each of the judicial
14 districts, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms
15 of two (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for
16 terms of four (4) years and three (3) members shall be
17 appointed for terms of six (6) years.

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19 (b) The council shall elect a chairman and
20 vice-chairman from its members. The ~~Wyoming business~~
21 ~~council~~ department of workforce services may employ a
22 secretary on a part-time basis to assist the council. The
23 council may accept gifts and donations.

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2 (c) Members of the council shall receive no
3 compensation but shall be reimbursed under W.S. 9-3-102 and
4 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
5 performance of their duties.

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7 **Section 2.** The members of the Wyoming council for
8 women's issues serving on the council before the effective
9 date of this act shall continue to serve for the remainder
10 of their term on and after the effective date of this act,
11 except that on and after the effective date of this act,
12 the director of the department of workforce services shall
13 serve as the ex officio member in lieu of the chief
14 executive officer of the Wyoming business council. Any
15 employee of the council for women's issues shall be
16 transferred to the department of workforce services.

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18 **Section 3.**

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20 (a) Any funds appropriated to the Wyoming business
21 council, including funds appropriated during the 2022
22 legislative session, for the Wyoming council for women's
23 issues shall be transferred to the department of workforce

1 services for expenditure consistent with their original
2 appropriation, purpose and date of reversion except that
3 the department of workforce services shall be substituted
4 for the Wyoming business council.

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6 (b) All positions, property, equipment and authority
7 of the Wyoming business council for the Wyoming council for
8 women's issues shall be transferred to the department of
9 workforce services.

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11 (c) All contracts, debts, grants, leases, advertising
12 agreements and other obligations of the Wyoming council for
13 women's issues entered into under the Wyoming business
14 council shall be transferred to and honored by the Wyoming
15 council for women's issues under the department of
16 workforce services.

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

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