

SENATE FILE NO. SF0067

Wyoming state guard-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Laursen, D, Boner, French and Ide  
and Representative(s) Hoeft, Rodriguez-  
Williams, Webber and Wharff

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming state guard; removing  
2 activation of the national guard of Wyoming into service of  
3 the United States as a prerequisite for the organization of  
4 the Wyoming state guard; removing federal involvement in  
5 the Wyoming state guard; allowing the governor to organize  
6 and maintain the Wyoming state guard; specifying the source  
7 of payment for service in the state guard; amending  
8 eligibility requirements for the Wyoming state guard;  
9 making conforming amendments; providing an appropriation;  
10 and providing for an effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-10-101(a) and (b) is amended to  
15 read:

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2           **19-10-101. Organization by governor; appointment of**  
3 **council; removal; control.**

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5           (a) ~~If the national guard of Wyoming is ordered into~~  
6 ~~the service of the United States,~~ The governor may organize  
7 and maintain within this state ~~during that period, under~~  
8 ~~such regulations as the secretary of defense may prescribe,~~  
9 such military forces ~~as may be authorized by the secretary~~  
10 ~~of defense or~~ as the governor deems necessary ~~for the~~  
11 ~~defense to preserve the public peace, to execute the laws~~  
12 of the state, to suppress tumult, riot, mob or invasion, to  
13 respond to either natural or manmade emergencies within the  
14 state, to support national wildland fire response or to  
15 perform other duties as the governor may require. The  
16 forces shall be known as the Wyoming state guard. Insofar  
17 as practicable, the existing laws, rules and regulations  
18 governing the national guard shall be ~~applied to~~ used as a  
19 model for the control and governance of the Wyoming state  
20 guard. ~~The force shall be of such strength as directed by~~  
21 ~~the secretary of defense, with such expansion in the future~~  
22 ~~as may be authorized.~~ The Wyoming state guard shall be of  
23 such strength and shall be armed, trained and equipped in

1 such manner as may be prescribed by ~~the secretary of~~  
2 ~~defense or~~ the governor of Wyoming.

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4 (b) For the purpose of coordinating desirable  
5 ~~national~~ state defense activities, the governor shall  
6 appoint a Wyoming state council of defense. The council,  
7 subject to the approval of the governor, may organize  
8 necessary subordinate branches and establish rules and  
9 regulations for the operation of the council and  
10 subordinate branches, and assist in all matters pertaining  
11 to the Wyoming state guard and other state or national  
12 defense activities not otherwise covered by law.  
13 Appointment to the council of defense is not limited by any  
14 requirements as to prior military or naval service. The  
15 governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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17 **Section 2.** There is appropriated twenty-five thousand  
18 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the office of  
19 the governor for purposes of appointing and convening a  
20 Wyoming state council of defense and for establishing and  
21 equipping the Wyoming state guard as the governor deems  
22 necessary. This appropriation shall be for the period  
23 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending

1 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred  
2 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
3 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall  
4 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the  
5 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be  
6 included in the office of the governor's standard budget  
7 for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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9 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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