

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0085

ENROLLED ACT NO. 55, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2026 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the division of criminal investigation; creating the internet crimes against children task force program account; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; providing for the administration of the account; providing an appropriation; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1.

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Resource Allocation for Victim and Enforcement Needs (RAVEN) Act."

(b) The legislature finds that:

(i) The internet crimes against children task force program, through the United States department of justice, helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children. The program encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim assistance and community education. The program is a national network of sixty-one (61) coordinated task forces representing over five thousand four hundred (5,400) federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies;

(ii) There is a lack of dedicated state resources to combat internet crimes against children. As a result, many of the cases involving internet crimes against children are not adequately investigated. It is the intent of the legislature to create an account dedicated to

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combating internet crimes against children, promoting education on internet safety to the public and to minors and rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation.

Section 2. W.S. 9-1-641 is created to read:

9-1-641. Internet crimes against children task force program account; definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "ICAC task force" means the internet crimes against children task force that is located in this state and recognized by the United States department of justice;

(ii) "Account" means the ICAC task force program account created by this section.

(b) There is created the ICAC task force program account to provide a stable funding source for the ICAC task force in Wyoming. The account shall consist of:

(i) Funds appropriated by the legislature directly to the account; and

(ii) Grants, gifts and donations accepted by the attorney general and directed to the account.

(c) All funds in the account are continuously appropriated to the division of criminal investigation solely to support the administration and activities of law enforcement in efforts to combat internet crimes against children. Unless otherwise specifically provided, appropriations to the account shall not lapse or revert at the end of the fiscal period and shall remain in the

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account. Interest or other earnings on funds within the account shall be credited to the account.

Section 3. There is appropriated one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) from the general fund to the internet crimes against children task force program account created by this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, this appropriation shall not revert. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget for the division of criminal investigation within the attorney general's office for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 4. The attorney general shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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Section 5.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 4 and 5 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 Senate.

Chief Clerk