

SENATE FILE NO. SF0085

RAVEN Act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nethercott, Crago, Crum,  
Hutchings, Salazar and Schuler and  
Representative(s) Angelos, Bear, Lien and  
Washut

A BILL

for

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

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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

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2 (b) The legislature finds that:

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4 (i) The internet crimes against children task  
5 force program, through the United States department of  
6 justice, helps state and local law enforcement agencies  
7 develop an effective response to technology-facilitated  
8 child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against  
9 children. The program encompasses forensic and  
10 investigative components, training and technical  
11 assistance, victim assistance and community education. The  
12 program is a national network of sixty-one (61) coordinated  
13 task forces representing over five thousand four hundred  
14 (5,400) federal, state and local law enforcement and  
15 prosecutorial agencies;

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

1 education on internet safety to the public and to minors  
2 and rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation.

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

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6 **9-1-641. Internet crimes against children task force**  
7 **program account; definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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5 (c) All funds in the account are continuously  
6 appropriated to the division of criminal investigation  
7 solely to support the administration and activities of law  
8 enforcement in efforts to combat internet crimes against  
9 children. Unless otherwise specifically provided,  
10 appropriations to the account shall not lapse or revert at  
11 the end of the fiscal period and shall remain in the  
12 account. Interest or other earnings on funds within the  
13 account shall be credited to the account.

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15                   **Section 3.** There is appropriated one million six  
16 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) from the general  
17 fund to the internet crimes against children task force  
18 program account created by this act. This appropriation  
19 shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending  
20 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred  
21 or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S.  
22 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, this appropriation shall  
23 not revert. It is the intent of the legislature that this

1 appropriation be included in the standard budget for the  
2 division of criminal investigation within the attorney  
3 general's office for the immediately succeeding fiscal  
4 biennium.

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

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9 **Section 5.**

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

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14 (b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective  
15 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
16 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
17 the Wyoming Constitution.

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19 (END)