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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Community health center and rural health clinic assistance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wilson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; authorizing  
2 grants to community health centers and rural health clinics  
3 as specified; repealing a sunset date; providing for  
4 rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation as  
5 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-127(d) by creating a new  
10 paragraph (viii) is amended to read:

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12 **9-2-127. Community health centers and rural health**  
13 **clinics; process for grants facilitating capital**

1 construction and start up costs; account established; grant  
2 criteria.

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4 (d) The department shall provide grants, subject to  
5 the following:

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7 (viii) Other grants may be made to community  
8 health centers and rural health clinics under this section  
9 as authorized by the legislature for the period prescribed  
10 by the legislature.

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12 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-127(g) is repealed.

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14 **Section 3.**

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16 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2020 through  
17 December 30, 2020, grants may be awarded to community  
18 health centers and rural health clinics under W.S. 9-2-127  
19 using funds from and subject to any limitations imposed by  
20 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)  
21 Act, P.L. No. 116-136, or from any other available federal  
22 funding related to the COVID-19 emergency response.

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STAFF COMMENT

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5 It may be advisable for the Committee to consider whether  
6 W.S. 9-2-127(d)(i) should apply to the grants awarded under  
7 this bill. That provision requires that before any grant  
8 application may be submitted to the Department of Health,  
9 and following public notice and a hearing, it must first be  
10 approved by the local board of county commissioners. It may  
11 be that this standard process is too time-intensive for the  
12 purpose of the COVID-19 related grants authorized in this  
13 bill draft.

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(b) Grants to any one (1) community health center or  
19 rural health clinic under this section shall not exceed  
20 four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00).  
21 Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-127(d)(iv), evidence of a  
22 commitment of local matching funds shall not be required  
23 for grant receipt under this section.

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(c) Upon execution of the grant agreement, the  
26 department of health may disburse to the recipient of a  
27 grant under this section one hundred percent (100%) of the  
28 funds awarded. Grants provided under this section shall be  
29 awarded by the department of health and shall not be  
30 subject to the approval of the state loan and investment

1 board or state building commission, notwithstanding 2020  
2 Wyoming Special Session Laws, Chapter 1, section 2(b).

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4 (d) For purposes of this section:

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6 (i) "Community health center" means a community  
7 mental health center or a health center receiving federal  
8 funding under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act,  
9 P.L. 78-410, including and health centers serving migrant  
10 and homeless populations;

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12 (ii) "Community mental health center" means an  
13 facility providing outpatient services for the care and  
14 treatment of mentally ill patients under a cooperative  
15 contract with the department of health as provided by W.S.  
16 35-1-620;

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18 (iii) "Rural health clinic" means a certified  
19 rural health clinic as documented by the centers for  
20 Medicare and Medicaid services.

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1           (e) The department of health shall promulgate any  
2 emergency and regular rules necessary to implement this  
3 section.

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5           **Section 3.** There is reappropriated to the department  
6 of health fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from any  
7 federal funds appropriated in 2020 Wyoming Special Session  
8 Laws, Chapter 1, Section 2(b) and as authorized and made  
9 available for expenditure in Section 2(c)(ii). If a COVID-  
10 19 relief account or other similarly named account is  
11 created for the deposit of COVID-19 related emergency  
12 response funds, this appropriation shall be made from that  
13 account. The funds reappropriated under this section shall  
14 only be expended for making the grants authorized by this  
15 act and consistent with the terms of the federal gift,  
16 grant or appropriation from which the funds originate. This  
17 reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for  
18 any other purpose except on or before September 15, 2020,  
19 the department of health shall estimate the total amount of  
20 funds expended, obligated and necessary for the grants  
21 authorized by this section. Any funds reappropriated under  
22 this subsection in excess of the total amount estimated by  
23 the department of health are hereby reappropriated to the

1 office of the governor on September 15, 2020 for the  
2 purposes specified in 2020 Wyoming Special Session Laws,  
3 Chapter 1. Funds reappropriated to the office of the  
4 governor shall be subject to any limitations imposed by  
5 2020 Wyoming Special Session Laws, Chapter 1.

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7       **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon  
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
9 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
10 Constitution.

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