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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Community health center and rural health clinic assistance.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim
Committee

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)(vi) and by creating a new
10 paragraph (viii) is amended to read:

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1 9-2-127. Community health centers and rural health
2 clinics; process for grants facilitating capital
3 construction and start up costs; account established; grant
4 criteria.

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6 (d) The department shall provide grants, subject to
7 the following:

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9 (vi) Grant applicants shall provide proof of
10 designation as a rural health clinic or federally qualified
11 community health center; ~~and~~

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13 (viii) Other grants may be made to community
14 health centers and rural health clinics under this section
15 as authorized by the legislature for the period prescribed
16 by the legislature.

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18 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-127(g) is repealed.

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20 **Section 3.**

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1 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending
2 December 30, 2020, grants may be awarded to existing
3 community health centers and rural health clinics under
4 W.S. 9-2-127 using funds from and subject to any
5 limitations imposed by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
6 Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. No. 116-136, or from
7 any other available federal funding related to the COVID-19
8 emergency response. Grants awarded under this section may
9 be used to cover expenses incurred in response to the
10 public health emergency caused by COVID-19 or to improve
11 the state's health care delivery system and infrastructure,
12 including major renovations or capital construction of
13 facilities.

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15 (b) Grants to any one (1) community health center or
16 rural health clinic under this section shall not exceed
17 four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). The
18 requirements specified in W.S. 9-2-127(d)(i), (iv) and (vi)
19 shall not apply for the purposes of this section.

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21 (c) Upon execution of the grant agreement, the
22 department of health may disburse to the recipient of a

1 grant under this section one hundred percent (100%) of the
2 funds awarded. Grants provided under this section shall be
3 awarded by the department of health and shall not be
4 subject to the approval of the state loan and investment
5 board or state building commission, notwithstanding 2020
6 Wyoming Special Session Laws, Chapter 1, section 2(b).

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8 (d) For purposes of this section:

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10 (i) "Community health center" means:

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12 (A) A health center receiving federal
13 funding under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act,
14 P.L. No. 78-410, including health centers serving migrant
15 and homeless populations;

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17 (B) A community mental health center
18 providing services for the care and treatment of mentally
19 ill patients under a cooperative contract with the
20 department of health as provided by W.S. 35-1-620.

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1 (ii) "Rural health clinic" means a certified
2 rural health clinic as documented by the centers for
3 Medicare and Medicaid services.

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5 (e) The department of health shall promulgate any
6 emergency and regular rules necessary to implement this
7 section.

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9 **Section 4.** There is reappropriated to the department
10 of health fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from any
11 federal funds appropriated in 2020 Wyoming Special Session
12 Laws, Chapter 1, section 2(b) and as authorized and made
13 available for expenditure in section 2(c)(ii). If a
14 COVID-19 relief account or other similarly named account is
15 created for the deposit of COVID-19 related emergency
16 response funds, this appropriation shall be made from that
17 account. The funds reappropriated under this section shall
18 only be expended for making the grants authorized by this
19 act and consistent with the terms of the federal gift,
20 grant or appropriation from which the funds originate. This
21 reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
22 any other purpose except on or before September 15, 2020,

1 the department of health shall estimate the total amount of
2 funds expended, obligated and necessary for the grants
3 authorized by this section. Any funds reappropriated under
4 this subsection in excess of the total amount estimated by
5 the department of health are hereby reappropriated to the
6 office of the governor on September 15, 2020 for the
7 purposes specified in 2020 Wyoming Special Session Laws,
8 Chapter 1. Funds reappropriated to the office of the
9 governor shall be subject to any limitations imposed by
10 2020 Wyoming Special Session Laws, Chapter 1.

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

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