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HOUSE BILL NO.

Life resource center-seclusion and restraints.

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

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to institutions of the state; authorizing personnel at the life resource center to seclude clients due to behavioral issues as specified; requiring the life resource center to develop protocols relating to seclusion and restraint of clients; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 25-5-133(a) is amended to read:

25-5-133. Seclusion and restraint; conditions for use; strict administration of medication; prohibited uses; policies and protocols.

(a) Restraint of a client and isolation or seclusion procedures in which a person is placed alone in a locked room or in an area from which the person is physically prevented from leaving ~~are prohibited. Restraint of a client~~ shall be used only when less restrictive measures are ineffective for the welfare of the client or others and only when necessary to ensure the immediate physical safety of the client or others. Restraint or seclusion shall be used in a manner which ensures that the dignity and safety of the person restrained or secluded are protected and shall be regularly monitored by trained staff. The reason for ~~restrictive measures~~ restraint or seclusion shall be reported in the client's records and shall be reviewed by the interdisciplinary team and program manager. In addition, the client's individual program plan shall address active treatment or less restrictive measures to manage or eliminate the behaviors for which restraint or seclusion was used. The center shall establish written operational policies and decision-support protocols

governing the use of restraint and seclusion. Operational policies shall be guided by evidence-based best practices, prioritizing early de-escalation, objective risk assessment, environmental safety management and the best interest of the client and other residents of the center.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2027.

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