

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0275

Methamphetamine initiative planning study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Osborn, Cohee, Gay,
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Senator(s) Anderson, J., Cooper and Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to controlled substances; authorizing a
2 methamphetamine initiative planning study as specified;
3 requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the
12 department of health to conduct a methamphetamine
13 initiative planning study. The department shall:

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1 (i) Review the scope of the methamphetamine
2 problem as it exists in the state, utilizing statistics
3 developed by the division of criminal investigation within
4 the attorney general's office and other sources as
5 appropriate;

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7 (ii) Examine efforts currently being employed to
8 address the problems associated with methamphetamine use,
9 its prevention, correction and treatment including efforts
10 by the state's education system, law enforcement, the
11 courts, social service agencies, local governments and the
12 department of corrections and probation and parole;

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14 (iii) Determine the number of persons being
15 treated for methamphetamine abuse, or needing treatment for
16 methamphetamine abuse, within the state and the number of
17 treatment beds available to provide the treatment for those
18 persons in need of residential care;

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20 (iv) Determine the current capacity and
21 potential needs for intensive out-patient treatment
22 throughout the state by geographic regions.

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1 (b) The department of health may contract with an
2 independent entity to perform the study and report back to
3 the department with the results of the study, including the
4 identified need and current utilization of treatment
5 facilities in the state and any recommendations with
6 respect to any new treatment options that may address the
7 current and projected needs for treatment of individuals as
8 a result of methamphetamine abuse. The study shall
9 identify the needs by regions within the state.

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11 (c) After review of the contractor's report to the
12 department of health, the department shall submit its
13 findings and recommendations to the joint appropriations
14 interim committee, the joint labor, health and social
15 services interim committee and the joint judiciary interim
16 committee no later than October 15, 2005. The chairmen of
17 the legislative committees receiving the report from the
18 department shall coordinate efforts to address the problems
19 and solutions proposed by the department of health prior to
20 the 2006 budget session of the legislature.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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