

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0318

Community juvenile services boards.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to community juvenile services boards;  
2 expanding the purposes of community juvenile services  
3 boards as specified; amending definitions; specifying the  
4 services community juvenile services boards may provide;  
5 specifying membership of community juvenile services  
6 boards; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-9-102(a), 14-9-103(a)(iv) by  
11 creating new subparagraphs (M) and (N), 14-9-105 and  
12 14-9-106(b)(iii)(A) are amended to read:

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14 **14-9-102. Purpose.**

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16 (a) The purpose and intent of this act is to:

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1 (i) Establish, maintain and promote the  
2 development of juvenile services in communities of the  
3 state aimed at allowing early identification and diversion  
4 of children at risk of entry into the juvenile court  
5 system;~~;~~ ~~preventing juvenile delinquency and treating~~  
6 ~~seriously emotionally disturbed youth; and~~

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8 (ii) Allow decisions regarding juvenile services  
9 to be made at the local level;~~;~~

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11 (iii) Strengthen and improve community based  
12 mental health and substance abuse services to reduce out-  
13 of-home and out-of-community placement of juveniles;

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15 (iv) Provide services and interventions to  
16 retain children in school and increase graduation rates;

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18 (v) Promote the use of best practices as defined  
19 in W.S. 9-2-2702(a)(i).

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21 **14-9-103. Definitions.**

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23 (a) As used in this act:

1 (iv) "Juvenile services" means programs or  
2 services provided to children at risk of coming under, or  
3 who are under, the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. ~~7~~  
4 ~~including seriously emotionally disturbed youth.~~ Programs  
5 or services may include:

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7 (M) Probation supervision services;

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9 (N) Alternative education services.

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11 **14-9-105. Community juvenile services boards.**

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13 (a) A county may, in accordance with the Wyoming  
14 Joint Powers Act, enter into an agreement with one (1) or  
15 more counties, any or all cities within the county or  
16 counties, and any or all school districts within the county  
17 or counties, to form a joint powers board to serve as a  
18 community juvenile services board under this act.

19 Membership of the community services boards shall include:

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21 (i) A local representative of the Wyoming  
22 department of family services;

1           (ii) A regional representative of the Wyoming  
2 department of health;

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4           (iii) A representative of the district or county  
5 attorney's office;

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7           (iv) A representative of a local school  
8 district;

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10          (v) A representative of the nearest mental  
11 health and substance abuse center;

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13          (vi) A representative of private community  
14 juvenile service providers;

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16          (vii) Representatives of local governments;

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18          (viii) Any other members the board deems  
19 necessary to accomplish the goals of the board, including  
20 members of the faith and business communities.

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22       **14-9-106. Community boards; powers and duties.**

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24       (b) Subject to this act, a community board shall:

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2 (iii) Ensure that the community board's system  
3 of juvenile services provides for:

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5 (A) Use of a uniform screening instrument  
6 identified by the department of health or family services;

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 14-9-103(a)(vi) is repealed.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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12 (END)