

ENROLLED ACT NO. 84, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2005 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

Section 1.

(a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the department of health to conduct a methamphetamine initiative planning study. The department shall:

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

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

(iii) Determine the number of persons being treated for methamphetamine use, or needing treatment for methamphetamine use, within the state and the number of existing treatment beds available and potential treatment beds in health care and detention facilities in the state to provide the treatment for those persons in need of residential care;

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(iv) Determine the current capacity and potential needs for intensive and other types of out-patient treatment throughout the state by geographic regions;

(v) Examine the existing capacity and procedures for conducting and completing substance abuse evaluations ordered for methamphetamine use, abuse or distribution under W.S. 7-13-1032, including the number of qualified evaluators available and conducting evaluations in the state, the costs associated with the evaluations and any recommendations to improve the capacity, quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the evaluation process, as necessary.

(b) The department of health may contract with an independent entity to perform the study and report back to the department with the results of the study, including the identified need and current utilization of treatment facilities in the state and any recommendations with respect to any new options regarding programs and facilities that may address the current and projected needs for treatment of individuals as a result of methamphetamine use. The study shall identify the needs by geographic regions within the state.

(c) After review of the contractor's report to the department of health, the department shall submit its findings and recommendations to the governor's substance abuse and violent crime advisory board, the joint appropriations interim committee, the joint labor, health and social services interim committee, the joint judiciary interim committee and any select committee studying mental health and substance abuse services no later than October 15, 2005. The chairmen of the legislative committees

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receiving the report from the department shall coordinate efforts to review the problems and solutions identified by the department of health prior to the 2006 budget session of the legislature.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk