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HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Partnerships for children, families and individuals.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to government services; authorizing the  
2 governor to establish partnerships among state and local  
3 governments and non-government agencies, as specified, to  
4 study and report on government health, human services and  
5 education programs; establishing criteria for those  
6 programs as specified; providing for reports; and providing  
7 for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The governor shall establish a partnership to  
14 include appropriate state and local government and non-

1 government agencies including but not limited to the  
2 executive branch, the department of education, local school  
3 districts, the judiciary, business, non-profit and faith  
4 organizations, professional organizations, the Tribes, the  
5 community college commission and the University of Wyoming.  
6 The partnership shall study and make recommendations for  
7 improving the effectiveness of state and local health,  
8 human services, and education programs. The partnerships  
9 shall continue the pursuit of the following goals  
10 identified by the children and families initiative for the  
11 well-being and support of Wyoming children and families:

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13 (i) Wyoming families and individuals living in  
14 stable, safe, supportive, nurturing, healthy environments;

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16 (ii) Wyoming's economy providing people with a  
17 livable income that ensures wage equality;

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19 (iii) All people having affordable health care  
20 and insurance;

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22 (iv) All Wyoming students being successfully  
23 educated and prepared for life's opportunities;

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2 (v) All children being born healthy, achieving  
3 their highest potential during their early development  
4 years and entering school ready to learn with the support  
5 of families and communities.

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7 (b) The success of the partnership's efforts to  
8 achieve the results set forth in subsection (a) above shall  
9 be measured by the following indicators:

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11 (i) Rate of abuse and neglect of children;

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13 (ii) Drug and alcohol use by juveniles;

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15 (iii) Domestic violence rates;

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17 (iv) Rate of divorce;

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19 (v) Suicide rates;

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21 (vi) Car crash deaths among persons younger than  
22 twenty-five (25) years;

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1           (vii) Numbers of jobs in extraction and non-  
2 extraction industries;

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4           (viii) Families earning a livable wage;

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6           (ix) Gender wage disparity;

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8           (x) Numbers of individuals holding more than one  
9 job at a time;

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11           (xi) Wyoming wages;

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13           (xii) Numbers of residents without health  
14 insurance;

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16           (xiii) Numbers of employers contributing to  
17 employee health insurance;

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19           (xiv) Cost of uncompensated health care provided  
20 by Wyoming hospitals;

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22           (xv) Availability of dental care for children;

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24           (xvi) Health professional shortages;

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2           (xvii) Numbers of pregnant women receiving  
3 prenatal care during first trimester;

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5           (xviii) Teen birth rate;

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7           (xix) Numbers of children screened for  
8 disabilities;

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10          (xx) Rate of low birth weight childbirths;

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12          (xxi) Rate of maternal smoking during pregnancy;

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14          (xxii) Immunization rates;

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16          (xxiii) Rates of high school completion;

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18          (xxiv) Student progress by fourth grade;

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20          (xxv) Completion of post-secondary education for  
21 Wyoming graduates;

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23          (xxvi) Numbers of teenagers neither in school or  
24 working;

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2 (xxvii) GED achievement rates.

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4 (b) The partnership created under this act shall  
5 collaborate with community partnerships for children,  
6 families and individuals in each of the geographical  
7 regions of the state. Community partnerships may consist of  
8 citizens, consumers of health, human services and education  
9 programs, family members, governmental agencies and  
10 nongovernmental organizations providing health, education  
11 and human services, economic development representatives  
12 and business leaders, members of faith and non-profit  
13 organizations and any other individuals and groups who can  
14 contribute to the activities of the community partnership.  
15 Community partnerships may develop and implement local  
16 strategies for improving the social well-being of children  
17 and families, and shall advise the governor, human services  
18 agencies, the judiciary, and the department of education  
19 concerning effective implementation of state and local  
20 health, human services, and education programs.

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22 (c) Annually, on or before December 1, the governor  
23 shall report to the legislature, concerning:

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2 (i) The activities of the state, community and  
3 partnerships for children, families and individuals  
4 established under this act;

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6 (ii) The well-being of children and families as  
7 measured by the indicators set forth in subsection (b) of  
8 this act to include an analysis of the trends demonstrated  
9 by these measurements;

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11 (iii) Any other findings or recommendations  
12 relating to improving the effectiveness of state and local  
13 health, human services, and education programs.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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