

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0303

Youth advisory council.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Davison and Warren and Senator(s) Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to youth; creating the legislative-
2 executive youth advisory council; providing terms;
3 specifying duties; providing administrative duties; 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.** W.S. 21-2-901 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 8

11 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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13 **21-2-901. Legislative-executive youth advisory**
14 **council established; members; terms; duties.**

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1 (a) There is created within the office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction the youth advisory
3 council. The advisory council shall consist of twenty-one
4 (21) voting members appointed by the governor, who are aged
5 twelve (12) to twenty-two (22) at the time of their
6 appointment. The council shall also consist of six (6) ex
7 officio members of which two (2) shall be members of the
8 house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
9 house, two (2) shall be senators appointed by the president
10 of the senate, one (1) shall be the governor's designee and
11 one (1) shall be the designee of the superintendent of
12 public instruction.

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14 (b) There shall be two (2) co-chairs selected from
15 the voting members of the advisory council. One (1) co-
16 chair shall be selected by the speaker of the house and the
17 remaining co-chair shall be selected by a vote of the
18 advisory council.

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20 (c) The governor may remove any voting member of the
21 advisory council as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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23 (d) Except for initial voting members, members shall
24 serve a term of two (2) years, and if eligible, may be

1 reappointed for a subsequent two (2) year term. Ten (10)
2 of the initial members shall be appointed to one (1) year
3 terms and the remaining initial members shall be appointed
4 to two (2) year terms. Initial ex officio members shall
5 serve a term of two (2) years. Vacancies on the advisory
6 council shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired
7 term.

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9 (e) Members of the advisory council who are not
10 legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive
11 reimbursement for necessary travel and per diem expenses in
12 the manner and amount provided for state employees under
13 W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are
14 legislators shall be paid salary, per diem and travel
15 expenses as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official
16 duties as members of the task force.

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18 (f) The advisory council shall meet in person no more
19 than four (4) times each year.

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21 (g) The advisory council shall:

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23 (i) Examine issues of importance to youth,
24 including but not limited to education, employment,
25 strategies to increase youth participation in government,

1 safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and
2 physical health, foster care, poverty, homelessness and
3 youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
4 basis;

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6 (ii) Advise the governor and the superintendent
7 of public education of issues facing the youth of this
8 state and provide recommendations for addressing these
9 issues;

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11 (iii) Advise the legislature on proposed and
12 pending legislation, including state budget expenditures
13 and policy matters relating to youth;

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15 (iv) Conduct periodic seminars for members of
16 the legislature and the executive branch regarding
17 leadership, government and the legislature; and

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19 (v) Report annually by December 1 to the
20 legislature on its activities, including proposed
21 legislation that implements recommendations of the council.

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23 (h) The superintendent of public instruction shall
24 provide administration, coordination and facilitation

1 assistance to the advisory council. The senate and house
2 of representatives may provide policy and fiscal briefings
3 and assistance with proposed legislation.

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5 (j) This section is repealed effective June 30, 2012.

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7 **Section 2.** There is appropriated forty thousand
8 dollars (\$40,000.00) from the general fund for the purposes
9 of this act for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2008. Of
10 this amount, five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is
11 appropriated to the legislative service office to fund the
12 salaries, per diem and travel expenses of the state
13 legislative members of the advisory council pursuant to
14 section 1 of this act. The remainder is appropriated to
15 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to
16 fund the meetings and activities of the advisory council as
17 necessary to complete the duties assigned to the advisory
18 council in section 1.

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective April 1, 2007.

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