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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Mental health and substance abuse appropriations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mental health and substance abuse
2 appropriations; providing appropriations as specified;
3 specifying conditions; continuing a study of mental health
4 and substance abuse services delivery systems; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1. Strategic alcohol prevention framework**
10 **grants.**

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12 (a) In addition to any federal funding provided under
13 the strategic prevention framework state incentive grant

1 (SPF/SIG) program, there is appropriated six hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) from the general fund to the
3 department of health for the biennium beginning July 1,
4 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds appropriated
5 under this section shall be used by counties receiving
6 grants to:

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8 (i) Prevent the onset and reduce the progression
9 of substance abuse, including underage drinking;

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11 (ii) Reduce substance abuse related problems in
12 communities; and

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14 (iii) Build prevention capacities and
15 infrastructure at community levels.

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17 (b) The funds appropriated under this section shall
18 be distributed by the mental health and substance abuse
19 services division of the department of health to a single
20 applicant from within each of the following counties:

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22 (i) Albany;

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- 1 (ii) Campbell;
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- 3 (iii) Converse;
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- 5 (iv) Crook;
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- 7 (v) Fremont;
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- 9 (vi) Goshen;
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- 11 (vii) Johnson;
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- 13 (viii) Laramie;
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- 15 (ix) Natrona;
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- 17 (x) Sublette;
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- 19 (xi) Sweetwater; and
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- 21 (xii) Teton.
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1 (c) Only one application from each of the counties
2 specified in subsection (b) of this section shall be
3 accepted. If more than one (1) application is received
4 from within a county, all applications from the county
5 shall be returned to the respective applicants with
6 instructions to collaborate and submit a single
7 application. Each recipient of funds under subsection (b)
8 of this section shall receive a grant not to exceed fifty
9 thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the biennium beginning
10 July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010 to address the goals
11 specified under subsection (a) of this section.

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13 **Section 2. Substance abuse residential treatment for**
14 **women and women with children.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated one million six hundred
17 ninety-three thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,693,600.00),
18 or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to
19 the department of health for the biennium beginning July 1,
20 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds appropriated
21 under this section shall only be used to allow the mental
22 health and substance abuse services division of the
23 department of health to fund not more than sixteen (16)

1 beds in the southeast region of the state for women who
2 need substance abuse treatment services and their children.

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4 (b) Services authorized under this section may
5 include arranging for or providing:

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7 (i) Child care for children of eligible women
8 while the women are receiving substance abuse treatment;

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10 (ii) Case management services;

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12 (iii) Transportation;

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14 (iv) Education;

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16 (v) Primary health care; and

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18 (vi) Therapeutic interventions.

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*****Staff Comment*****

20 **Several of the services enumerated, including the**
21 **primary health care specified in (b)(v), above,**
22 **are not paid for under the contract between the**
23 **WDH and the community provider, but rather**
24 **acknowledge and authorize the current practice**
25 **whereby the contracts between the WDH and the**
26 **community providers specify that the provider**
27 **will help arrange for the client or her children**

1 **to obtain the necessary services when they are**
2 **available within the provider's catchment area.**

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4 **Section 3. Crisis stabilization services.**

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6 (a) There is appropriated five million one hundred
7 seventy-seven thousand four hundred thirty dollars
8 (\$5,177,430.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the
9 general fund to the department of health for the biennium
10 beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010. The funds
11 appropriated under this section shall only be used to
12 provide crisis stabilization services in four (4) regions
13 of the state as specified in subsection (b) of this
14 section. The services authorized under this section shall
15 include community based, short-term intervention for adults
16 who are experiencing an acute mental health crisis and are
17 in need twenty-four (24) hour intensive mental health
18 treatment and stabilization, and may include persons with
19 co-occurring disorders. Community mental health centers
20 providing crisis stabilization services shall ensure that
21 the services can be provided in a setting staffed twenty-
22 four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days per week, with
23 the availability of medical services as necessary. Mobile
24 teams and in-home services may also be provided, based on

1 individual client needs. To maximize existing resources,
2 community mental health centers in a region specified in
3 subsection (b) of this section may collaborate in
4 developing and providing the necessary services.

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6 (b) The department of health, mental health and
7 substance abuse services division, may enter into contracts
8 for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2008 and ending
9 June 30, 2010 with community mental health centers that
10 agree to provide crisis stabilization services in regions
11 designated as follows:

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13 (i) In the Basin region of the state, the
14 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis
15 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million
16 three hundred fifty-six thousand four hundred fourteen
17 dollars (\$1,356,414.00);

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19 (ii) In the central region of the state, the
20 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis
21 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million
22 thirteen thousand seven hundred two dollars
23 (\$1,013,702.00);

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2 (iii) In the northeast region of the state, the
3 division may contract for not more than six (6) crisis
4 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million
5 three hundred fifty-six thousand four hundred fourteen
6 dollars (\$1,356,414.00);

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8 (iv) In the southwest region of the state, the
9 division may contract for not more than eight (8) crisis
10 stabilization beds at a cost not to exceed one million four
11 hundred fifty thousand nine hundred dollars
12 (\$1,450,900.00).

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14 **Section 4. Substance abuse training.**

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16 There is appropriated forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00),
17 or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to
18 the department of health for the fiscal year beginning July
19 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. The funds appropriated
20 under this section shall only be used to provide
21 specialized training to judges, attorneys and mental
22 health, substance abuse and other social services providers

1 who work with persons who may need mental health or alcohol
2 or substance abuse treatment services.

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4 **Section 5. Select committee on mental health and**
5 **substance abuse services.**

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7 There is appropriated thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00)
8 from the general fund to the legislative service office for
9 the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending December 31,
10 2009. The funds appropriated under this section shall be
11 expended as necessary to pay the costs and expenses of the
12 select committee on mental health and substance abuse
13 services to enable the committee to continue its study of
14 issues during the 2008 and 2009 legislative interims and to
15 propose legislation for a more cost effective and
16 accessible delivery system of services for persons in need
17 of mental health or alcohol or substance abuse treatment.

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19 **Section 6.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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