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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 services; providing appropriations; specifying conditions;
3 authorizing a competitive bid process as specified;
4 identifying the regions designated by the department of
5 health; and 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. Co-occurring conditions treatment**
10 **facilities.**

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12 (a) There is appropriated three million six hundred forty-
13 six thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$3,646,940.00), or

1 as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to the
2 department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
3 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
4 only be expended for the purpose of funding four (4)
5 treatment facilities. The appropriation shall be used to
6 fund one (1) treatment facility each within the central,
7 west, northeast and Basin regions, as designated by the
8 department, to serve persons with co-occurring disorders of
9 mental illness and alcohol or substance abuse. The
10 facility in each region shall be selected by the department
11 of health, in consultation with the mental health and
12 substance abuse services division, through a competitive
13 bid process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
14 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
15 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
17 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
18 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
19 budget request.

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21 (b) The treatment facility selected in each region
22 specified in subsection (a) of this section shall receive
23 nine hundred eleven thousand seven hundred thirty-five

1 dollars (\$911,735.00), or as much thereof as necessary, to
2 be expended as follows:

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4 (i) Not more than forty-four thousand dollars
5 (\$44,000.00), shall be allowed for reasonable start-up
6 costs;

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8 (ii) Of the remaining amount, not more than ten
9 percent (10%) may be used to fund administrative costs for
10 the treatment facility; and

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12 (iii) The remaining amount after paragraphs (i)
13 and (ii) of this subsection are deducted shall be expended
14 for personnel, equipment and for the operation of the
15 program based on a daily rate established by the department
16 of health.

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18 **Section 2. Adult acute psychiatric care.**

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20 There is appropriated three million five hundred thousand
21 dollars (\$3,500,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary,
22 from the general fund to the department of health, for the
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,

1 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the
2 purpose of funding five (5) adult acute psychiatric care
3 programs. The appropriation shall be used to fund one (1)
4 treatment facility within each of the five (5) regions, as
5 designated by the department. The facility in each region
6 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
7 the mental health and substance abuse services division,
8 through a competitive bid process shall receive not more
9 than seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) to
10 provide adult acute psychiatry care within the region.
11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
12 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
13 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
14 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
15 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
16 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
17 budget request.

18 ***** STAFF COMMENTS *****

19 **This amount includes \$700,000.00 for the**
20 **southeast region that could possibly be included**
21 **in the WDH's exception budget request, rather**
22 **than in this bill, since it has been operational**
23 **for over a year.**
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25 **Section 3. Mental health crisis stabilization.**
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1 (a) There is appropriated five hundred fifty thousand
2 dollars (\$550,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary,
3 from the general fund to the department of health, for the
4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,
5 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the
6 purpose of developing and enhancing mental health crisis
7 stabilization services provided within the southwest region
8 designated by the department of health. The facility
9 receiving this appropriation in the region shall be
10 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
11 the mental health and substance abuse services division,
12 through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any
13 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
14 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
15 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
16 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
17 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the
18 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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20 (b) There is appropriated six hundred sixty thousand
21 dollars (\$660,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary,
22 from the general fund to the department of health, for the
23 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,

1 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the
2 purpose of developing and enhancing mental health crisis
3 stabilization services provided within the northeast region
4 designated by the department of health. The facility
5 receiving this appropriation in the region shall be
6 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
7 the mental health and substance abuse services division,
8 through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
10 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
11 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
12 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
13 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the
14 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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16 (c) There is appropriated five hundred sixty-five
17 thousand four hundred dollars (\$565,400.00), or as much
18 thereof as necessary, from the general fund to the
19 department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
20 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
21 only be expended for the purpose of developing and
22 enhancing mental health crisis stabilization services
23 provided within the central region designated by the

1 department of health. The facility receiving this
2 appropriation in the region shall be selected by the
3 department of health, in consultation with the mental
4 health and substance abuse services division, through a
5 competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
7 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
8 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
9 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
10 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the
11 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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13 (d) There is appropriated seven hundred seventy
14 thousand dollars (\$770,000.00), or as much thereof as
15 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
16 health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and
17 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
18 expended for the purpose of developing and enhancing mental
19 health crisis stabilization services provided within the
20 Basin region designated by the department of health. The
21 facility receiving this appropriation in the region shall
22 be selected by the department of health, in consultation
23 with the mental health and substance abuse services

1 division, through a competitive bid process.
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
3 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
4 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
5 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
6 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
7 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
8 budget request.

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10 (e) There is appropriated four hundred fifty-eight
11 thousand dollars (\$458,000.00), or as much thereof as
12 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
13 health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and
14 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
15 expended for the purpose of developing and enhancing mental
16 health crisis stabilization services provided within the
17 southeast region designated by the department of health.
18 The facility receiving this appropriation in the region
19 shall be selected by the department of health, in
20 consultation with the mental health and substance abuse
21 services division, through a competitive bid process.
22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
23 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any

1 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
2 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
3 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
4 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
5 budget request.

6 ***** STAFF COMMENTS *****

7 **The southeast region has already received funding**
8 **for crisis stabilization for the biennium. The**
9 **southeast region is asking for an additional**
10 **\$458,000.00 for the program it has been**
11 **operating, as provided in subsection (e) of this**
12 **section.**
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14 **Section 4. Early intervention therapists.**

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16 There is appropriated seven hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$700,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the
18 general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal
19 year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This
20 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
21 contracting with providers in the five (5) regions
22 designated by the department of health to allow the
23 contracting providers to hire a total of not more than ten
24 (10) additional early intervention therapists in the state.
25 All providers receiving this any amount of this
26 appropriation shall be selected by the department of
27 health, in consultation with the mental health and

1 substance abuse services division, through a competitive
2 bid process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
3 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
4 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
5 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
6 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
7 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
8 budget request.

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10 **Section 5. Supported independence program.**

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12 There is appropriated two hundred sixty thousand dollars
13 (\$260,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the
14 general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal
15 year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This
16 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
17 funding a supported independence program within a single
18 region designated by the department of health. The
19 facility receiving this appropriation in the region shall
20 be selected by the department of health, in consultation
21 with the mental health and substance abuse services
22 division, through a competitive bid process.
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this

1 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
2 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
3 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
4 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be one-
5 time funding and shall not be included in the department's
6 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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8 **Section 6. Salary increases; substance abuse**
9 **providers.**

10 (a) There is appropriated one million three hundred
11 fifty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars
12 (\$1,359,522.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
13 the general fund to the department of health, substance
14 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009
15 and ending June 30, 2010.

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17 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
18 distributed to community substance abuse treatment centers
19 under contract with the division and shall only be expended
20 by the community substance abuse treatment centers to
21 increase the salaries of direct care personnel in community
22 substance abuse treatment centers. This appropriation

1 shall be one-time funding and shall not be included in the
2 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

3 ***** STAFF COMMENTS *****

4 **This appropriation and the Section 7**
5 **appropriation, below, are identical to what was**
6 **enacted as part of 07SF76. I added the last**
7 **sentence to subsections (b) of both sections to**
8 **stimulate discussion about how to address such**
9 **salary increases. There may be alternatives to**
10 **providing one-time salary increases that should**
11 **be, but haven't yet been, discussed by the**
12 **Committee.**
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14 **Section 7. Salary increases; mental health providers.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated one million eight hundred
17 twenty-six thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars
18 (\$1,826,148.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
19 the general fund to the department of health, mental health
20 division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and
21 ending June 30, 2010.

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23 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
24 distributed to community mental health centers under
25 contract with the division and shall only be expended by
26 the community mental health centers to increase the
27 salaries of direct care personnel in community mental
28 health centers. This appropriation shall be one-time

1 funding and shall not be included in the department's 2011-
2 2012 standard biennial budget request.

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4 **Section 8** Regions of the state.

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6 (a) For purposes of this act, the five (5) regions of
7 the state designated by the department of health include:

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9 (i) The southeast region;

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11 (ii) The central region;

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13 (iii) The northeast region;

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15 (iv) The west region; and

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17 (v) The Basin region.

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19 **Section 9** This act is effective July 1, 2009

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(END)