

SENATE FILE NO. SF0017

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 for purposes of certain appropriations; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1. Mental health services for infants and**
11 **children.**

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13 There is appropriated seven hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$700,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the
15 general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal
16 year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. The

1 funds appropriated under this section shall only be used by
2 community mental health centers to contract with the
3 equivalent of not more than ten (10) full-time master's
4 degree level therapists. The persons under contract with
5 community mental health centers pursuant to this section
6 shall provide early intervention services for families with
7 preschool age children who are experiencing or are at risk
8 of behavioral, mental or alcohol or substance abuse
9 disorders. Funds under this section shall only be
10 distributed to community mental health centers that have
11 established interagency collaborations within the region
12 designated by the division in which the center is located
13 to provide early intervention services as specified in this
14 subsection. Community mental health centers receiving
15 funds under this section shall only expend the funds to
16 contract with therapists as authorized by this section.
17 Any funds unobligated and unexpended under this section on
18 June 30, 2010, shall revert to the budget reserve account.
19 This appropriation shall be included in the department's
20 2011-2012 standard budget request.

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22 **Section 2. Supported independence program.**

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1 There is appropriated two hundred sixty thousand dollars
2 (\$260,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the
3 general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal
4 year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This
5 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
6 funding a supported independence program within a single
7 region designated by the department of health. The program
8 receiving this appropriation in the region shall be
9 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
10 the mental health and substance abuse services division,
11 through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
13 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
14 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
15 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
16 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the
17 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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19 **Section 3. Mental health crisis stabilization.**

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21 (a) There is appropriated five hundred fifty thousand
22 dollars (\$550,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary,
23 from the general fund to the department of health, for the
24 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 southwest region
4 designated by the department of health. The program
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 (b) There is appropriated six hundred sixty thousand
17 dollars (\$660,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary,
18 from the general fund to the department of health, for the
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30,
20 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the
21 purpose of developing and enhancing mental health crisis
22 stabilization services provided within the northeast region
23 designated by the department of health. The program
24 receiving this appropriation in the region shall be

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

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11 (c) There is appropriated five hundred sixty-five
12 thousand four hundred dollars (\$565,400.00), or as much
13 thereof as necessary, from the general fund to the
14 department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
16 only be expended for the purpose of developing and
17 enhancing mental health crisis stabilization services
18 provided within the central region designated by the
19 department of health. The program receiving this
20 appropriation in the region shall be selected by the
21 department of health, in consultation with the mental
22 health and substance abuse services division, through a
23 competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any other
24 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be

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

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7 (d) There is appropriated seven hundred seventy
8 thousand dollars (\$770,000.00), or as much thereof as
9 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
10 health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and
11 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
12 expended for the purpose of developing and enhancing mental
13 health crisis stabilization services provided within the
14 Basin region designated by the department of health. The
15 program receiving this appropriation in the region shall be
16 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
17 the mental health and substance abuse services division,
18 through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
20 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
21 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
22 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
23 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the
24 department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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(e) There is appropriated four hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$458,000.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of developing and enhancing mental health crisis stabilization services provided within the southeast region designated by the department of health. The program receiving this appropriation in the region shall be selected by the department of health, in consultation with the mental health and substance abuse services division, through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

Section 4. Adult acute psychiatric care.

1 There is appropriated three million five hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$3,500,000.00), 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 funding five (5) adult acute psychiatric care
7 programs. The appropriation shall be used to fund one (1)
8 treatment program within each of the five (5) regions, as
9 designated by the department. The program in each region
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 shall receive not more
13 than seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00) to
14 provide adult acute psychiatric care within the region.
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
16 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
17 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
18 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
19 by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be
20 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
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23 **Section 5. Co-occurring conditions treatment**
24 **programs.**

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(a) There is appropriated three million six hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$3,646,940.00), or as much thereof as necessary, from the general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of funding four (4) treatment programs. The appropriation shall be used to fund one (1) treatment program each within the central, west, northeast and Basin regions, as designated by the department, to serve persons with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and alcohol or substance abuse. The program in each region shall be selected by the department of health, in consultation with the mental health and substance abuse services division, through a competitive bid process. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall be included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

1 (b) The treatment program selected in each region
2 specified in subsection (a) of this section shall receive
3 nine hundred eleven thousand seven hundred thirty-five
4 dollars (\$911,735.00), or as much thereof as necessary, to
5 be expended as follows:

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7 (i) Not more than forty-four thousand dollars
8 (\$44,000.00), shall be allowed for reasonable start-up
9 costs;

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11 (ii) Of the remaining amount, not more than ten
12 percent (10%) may be used to fund administrative costs for
13 the treatment program; and

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

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21 **Section 6. Salary increases; substance abuse**
22 **providers.**

1 (a) There is appropriated one million three hundred
2 fifty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars
3 (\$1,359,522.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
4 the general fund to the department of health for the fiscal
5 year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

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7 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
8 distributed to community substance abuse treatment centers
9 under contract with the mental health and substance abuse
10 services division and shall only be expended by the
11 community substance abuse treatment centers to increase the
12 salaries of direct care personnel in community substance
13 abuse treatment centers. This appropriation shall be
14 included in the department's 2011-2012 standard biennial
15 budget request.

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17 **Section 7. Salary increases; mental health providers.**

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

1 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
2 distributed to community mental health centers under
3 contract with the mental health and substance abuse
4 services division and shall only be expended by the
5 community mental health centers to increase the salaries of
6 direct care personnel in community mental health centers.
7 This appropriation shall be included in the department's
8 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

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

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

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15 (i) The southeast region, comprised of Albany,
16 Carbon, Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties;

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18 (ii) The central region, comprised of Converse,
19 Fremont, Natrona and Niobrara counties;

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21 (iii) The northeast region, comprised of
22 Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan and Weston counties;

(iv) The west region, comprised of Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton and Uinta counties; and

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4 (v) The Basin region, comprised of Big Horn, Hot
5 Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

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7 **Section 9.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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