

SENATE FILE NO. SF0009

Juvenile detention facilities-standards.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile detention; requiring sheriffs  
2 to develop and implement standards for juvenile detention  
3 facilities as specified; requiring a report; providing  
4 definitions; and providing for effective dates.

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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. 14-4-117 is created to read:

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10 **14-4-117. Juvenile detention facilities standards;**  
11 **definitions; report.**

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13 (a) Sheriffs, in consultation with other operators of  
14 juvenile detention facilities, shall develop and implement  
15 uniform standards based upon nationally recognized criteria  
16 for the operation of all hardware secure and staff secure  
17 juvenile detention facilities.

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2           (b) No minor shall be detained in a hardware secure  
3 or staff secure juvenile detention facility unless the  
4 facility has adopted the standards specified under  
5 subsection (a) of this section.

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7           (c) The sheriffs shall report to the joint judiciary  
8 interim committee by November 15, 2012 with respect to  
9 their progress in developing and implementing the standards  
10 specified under subsection (a) of this section.

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12           (d) As used in this section:

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14                   (i) "Hardware secure juvenile detention  
15 facility" means a facility that:

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17                           (A) Is characterized by locks on the doors  
18 and other restrictive hardware designed to restrict the  
19 movement of the detained minors and protect public safety;  
20 and

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22                           (B) Accepts minors for detention as a  
23 hardware secure juvenile detention facility under this  
24 section.

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(ii) "Staff secure juvenile detention facility" means a facility used for the detention of minors that is characterized by a trained staff to supervise the movement and activities of detained minors at the facility, without the additional use of hardware secure equipment.

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8            **Section 2.**

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10           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this act,  
11 this act is effective January 1, 2012.

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13 (b) W.S. 14-4-117(a), created by this act, is  
14 effective July 1, 2010.

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16 (END)