

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0229

Penitentiary working environment-task force.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Burkhardt and Senator(s)
Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to corrections; providing for a study of
2 working conditions at the Wyoming state penitentiary;
3 creating a task force; requiring a report; providing an
4 appropriation; and 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.**

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10 (a) There is created a task force on working
11 conditions at the Wyoming state penitentiary consisting of
12 the following members:

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14 (i) One (1) member of the Wyoming senate,
15 appointed by the president of the senate who shall be
16 designated as cochairman;

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1 (ii) One (1) member of the Wyoming house of
2 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house who
3 shall be designated as cochairman;

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5 (iii) Three (3) members appointed by the
6 governor. One (1) of the members shall represent the
7 interests of the department of corrections, one (1) shall
8 represent the interests of the employees at the Wyoming
9 state penitentiary and one (1) shall be a member of the
10 public at large.

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12 (b) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative
13 service office. State agencies shall provide information
14 and assistance to the task force as requested.

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16 (c) The task force shall study the following, as they
17 relate to working conditions at the Wyoming state
18 penitentiary:

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20 (i) Staffing levels;

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22 (ii) Training of staff;

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24 (iii) Staff retention;

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26 (iv) Safety of the staff and public;

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1 (v) Compensation of staff; and

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3 (vi) Other issues the task force may consider
4 useful in encouraging a positive working environment at the
5 Wyoming state penitentiary.

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7 (d) The task force shall submit its recommendations,
8 including proposed legislation with respect to the issues
9 specified in subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
10 judiciary interim committee and the governor no later than
11 October 1, 2011. The joint judiciary interim committee
12 shall consider the recommendations and develop legislation
13 it deems appropriate for consideration by the legislature in
14 the 2012 budget session.

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16 (e) The task force shall exist until December 31,
17 2011. Members of the task force who are not state employees
18 or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive
19 reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at the rate
20 provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of
21 the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per
22 diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their
23 official duties as members of the task force.

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25 (f) There is appropriated from the general fund:

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1 (i) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the
2 legislative service office for payment of salary, per diem
3 and mileage for legislative task force members;

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5 (ii) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to the
6 governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and
7 mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
12 Constitution.

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