

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0156

Wyoming intern challenge trust fund.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Crank and  
Lindholm and Senator(s) Kost and Nethercott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to workforce development; creating the  
2 Wyoming intern challenge trust fund; authorizing  
3 distribution of investment earnings for workforce  
4 development programs; requiring rulemaking; conforming  
5 provisions; authorizing a contract position; providing  
6 appropriations; and 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.** W.S. 9-2-2612 is created to read:

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12 **9-2-2612. Wyoming intern challenge trust fund;**  
13 **workforce development programs.**

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1           (a) The Wyoming intern challenge trust fund is  
2 created. The state treasurer shall invest the fund in  
3 accordance with law. The state treasurer is authorized to  
4 accept cash gifts to be deposited into the trust fund.  
5 Monies deposited to the fund from any source are intended  
6 to be inviolate and constitute a permanent or perpetual  
7 trust fund.

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9           (b) The state treasurer shall credit earnings from  
10 the Wyoming intern challenge trust fund to a separate  
11 account. The earnings in the separate account are  
12 continuously appropriated to the department of workforce  
13 services to be expended, subject to available funding, only  
14 for the following purposes:

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16           (i) To provide funding to public and private  
17 entities for workforce preparation opportunities that match  
18 Wyoming employers with Wyoming high school and  
19 postsecondary students. Any funding provided to a receiving  
20 entity under this paragraph shall:

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22           (A) Be matched equally by the receiving  
23 entity for every dollar provided under this section;

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2 (B) Not exceed six hundred forty (640)  
3 internship hours for each intern, nor a maximum amount of  
4 eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) in state funding for  
5 each intern placed;

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7 (C) Be provided in accordance with a  
8 contract between the department of workforce services and  
9 the receiving entity that ensures the intern placed  
10 receives reasonable compensation for the services rendered.  
11 For a receiving entity not under the absolute control of  
12 the state, the contract shall also ensure the state  
13 receives adequate consideration for the amount of funding  
14 provided.

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16 (ii) To provide funding to enable the  
17 participation of Wyoming residents in workforce partnership  
18 opportunities, including credential or noncredential  
19 internships, job shadowing and workforce development  
20 services designed to train, retrain or upgrade work skills;

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22 (iii) To provide funding for other workforce  
23 development activities in Wyoming administered by the

1 department of workforce services recommended by the  
2 director with the approval of the governor;

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4 (iv) For development and distribution of  
5 materials by the department of workforce services designed  
6 to promote intern partnerships in high priority sectors,  
7 such as health care, construction, financial industries and  
8 technical industries and other workforce education  
9 opportunities and services under this section;

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11 (v) To pay reasonable administrative costs that  
12 the department of workforce services incurs associated with  
13 administering opportunities and services under this  
14 section.

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16 (c) Expenditures under paragraphs (b)(i) through  
17 (iii) of this section shall be approved or disapproved by  
18 the director of the department of workforce services based  
19 on appropriate procedures, criteria and performance  
20 measures established in rule.

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22 (d) The director of the department of workforce  
23 services shall report annually to the governor, the joint

1 minerals, business and economic development interim  
2 committee, the joint labor, health and social services  
3 interim committee and the Wyoming workforce development  
4 council on expenditures made under this section in the  
5 preceding fiscal year and the results of the activities  
6 funded.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-2601(d) and (g)(vii) is amended  
9 to read:

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11 **9-2-2601. Department of workforce services; duties**  
12 **and responsibilities; agreements with other agencies**  
13 **authorized; definition; merger with department of**  
14 **employment.**

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16 (d) The department shall administer expenditures from  
17 the:

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19 (i) Workforce development training fund as  
20 provided in W.S. 9-2-2604; ~~The department shall administer~~  
21 ~~expenditures from the~~

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1           (ii) Wyoming workforce development-priority  
2 economic sector partnership subaccount within the economic  
3 diversification account as provided in W.S. 9-2-2609  
4 through 9-2-2611 and 9-12-1404~~;~~.

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6           (iii) Earnings from the Wyoming intern challenge  
7 trust fund as provided in W.S. 9-2-2612.

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9           (g) The department shall take appropriate steps to:

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11           (vii) Administer contracts pursuant to W.S.  
12 9-2-2608 ~~and 9-2-2609~~ through ~~9-2-2611~~ 9-2-2612.

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14           **Section 3.**

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16           (a) There is appropriated one million dollars  
17 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming intern  
18 challenge trust fund created under W.S. 9-2-2612.  
19 Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, this  
20 appropriation shall not lapse or revert at the end of any  
21 fiscal period except upon further legislative action.

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1           (b) There is appropriated one hundred thousand  
2 dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the  
3 department of workforce services. This appropriation shall  
4 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this  
5 act and ending June 30, 2021. This appropriation shall only  
6 be expended to fund one (1) at-will contract employee for  
7 the purposes of this act. This appropriation shall not be  
8 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
9 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
10 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
11 2021. It is the intent of the legislature that this  
12 appropriation not be included in any future budget request  
13 of the department of workforce services.

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15           **Section 4.**

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17           (a) On or before January 1, 2021, the department of  
18 workforce services shall adopt any rules necessary to  
19 implement this act.

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21           (b) Subject to available funding, on or before  
22 January 1, 2021, the department of workforce services shall

1 begin providing authorized opportunities and services under  
2 this act.

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4       **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon  
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
7 Constitution.

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