

SENATE FILE NO. SF0030

Pandemic response review task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; creating the pandemic
2 response review task force; specifying duties of the task
3 force; requiring a report; providing a termination date for
4 the task force; providing appropriations; and providing for
5 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.**

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11 (a) There is created the Wyoming pandemic response
12 review task force to consist of the following:

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14 (i) One (1) representative of the department of
15 health, appointed by the governor;

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2 (ii) One (1) representative of the state's K-12
3 educational community, appointed by the governor;

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5 (iii) One (1) representative of the state's
6 business community, appointed by the governor;

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8 (iv) One (1) member of an association
9 representing county commissioners, appointed by the
10 governor;

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12 (v) One (1) enrolled member of the Northern
13 Arapaho Indian tribe or Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe,
14 appointed by the governor;

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16 (vi) Two (2) Wyoming health care practitioners
17 whose practice includes seeing patients, appointed by the
18 governor;

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20 (vii) Three (3) members of the Wyoming house of
21 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. The
22 speaker of the house shall designate a cochairman of the
23 task force;

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2 (viii) Three (3) members of the Wyoming senate,
3 appointed by the president of the senate. The president of
4 the senate shall designate a cochairman of the task force.

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6 (b) The task force shall study the state's response
7 to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state's ability to respond
8 to pandemics and other disease outbreaks generally. This
9 study shall include evaluation of:

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11 (i) The development of Wyoming statutes
12 governing public health orders since statehood;

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14 (ii) The authority granted in W.S. 35-1-240 to
15 the department of health to issue public health orders;

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17 (iii) The distribution of statutory authority
18 provided to the department of health and local health
19 officers to address disease outbreaks;

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21 (iv) The effectiveness of public health orders
22 issued during the COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate the spread
23 of the disease;

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2 (v) Consistency or inconsistency of local health
3 officer efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate
4 the spread of the disease;

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6 (vi) State and local law enforcement
7 authorities' responsibilities to enforce public health
8 orders;

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10 (vii) The impact of public health orders issued
11 during the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses, communities and
12 the state's economy; and

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14 (viii) The response of Wyoming K-12 schools and
15 institutions of higher education to the COVID-19 pandemic
16 and the impact of public health orders issued during the
17 COVID-19 pandemic on Wyoming K-12 schools and institutions
18 of higher education.

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20 (c) The goal of the task force is to develop
21 legislative recommendations to improve the state's response
22 to future pandemics and other disease outbreaks. The task
23 force shall report its findings and any recommendations to

1 the joint labor, health and social services interim
2 committee, the joint corporations, elections and political
3 subdivisions interim committee and the governor on or
4 before July 1, 2022.

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6 (d) The legislative members of the task force shall
7 receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the
8 manner and amount prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Task force
9 members who are not legislators and are not state employees
10 shall receive the compensation, per diem and mileage paid
11 members of the Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101.

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13 (e) The task force shall be staffed by the
14 legislative service office and the department of health.

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16 (f) The task force shall terminate December 31, 2022.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
21 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office
22 to pay compensation, mileage and per diem for
23 nonlegislative members of the task force. This

1 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
2 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2023. 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, 2023.

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8 (b) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars
9 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
10 service office to pay for salary, mileage and per diem of
11 legislative members appointed to the task force. This
12 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
13 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2023. This
14 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
15 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
17 by law on June 30, 2023.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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