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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Juvenile detention facilities-standards.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile detention; requiring the  
2 department of family services to develop and implement  
3 standards for juvenile detention facilities as specified;  
4 requiring reports; providing definitions; and providing for  
5 effective dates.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-7-117 is created to read:

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

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1       (a) The department, in cooperation with sheriffs and  
2 other operators of juvenile detention facilities, shall  
3 develop and implement standards for the certification for  
4 all hardware secure and staff secure juvenile detention  
5 facilities.

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7       (b) No child shall be detained in a hardware secure  
8 or staff secure juvenile detention facility unless such  
9 facility is certified by the department under this section.

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11       (c) The department shall inspect all hardware secure  
12 and staff secure juvenile detention facilities at least  
13 once every calendar year.

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15       (d) Hardware secure and staff secure juvenile  
16 detention facilities shall report annually no later than  
17 October 1 of each year to the department on a form  
18 developed by the department, containing information the  
19 department deems necessary with respect to the operation of  
20 such facilities. The department shall report annually to  
21 the joint judiciary interim committee beginning January 15,  
22 2012 and every January 15 thereafter with respect to the  
23 data received under this subsection.

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(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Department" means the department of family services;

(ii) "Hardware secure juvenile detention facility" means a facility that:

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

(B) Accepts minors for detention as a hardware secure juvenile detention facility under this section;

(iii) "Staff secure juvenile detention facility" means a facility certified by the department under this section for the detention of minors that is characterized by a trained staff to supervise the movement and activities

1 of detained minors at the facility, without the additional  
2 use of hardware secure equipment.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this act,  
7 this act is effective January 1, 2011.

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

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