

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0240

Physician assistant school.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Baldwin, Barlow, Kasperik and Wilson and Senator(s) Coe, Cooper, Driskill, Landen and Peterson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; establishing a task force to
2 review the feasibility of a physician assistant school in
3 Wyoming; providing appropriations; requiring a report; and
4 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 physician assistant training
11 program task force consisting of the following members:

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13 (i) One (1) member from the University of
14 Wyoming appointed by the governor;

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1 (ii) One (1) member of the state board of
2 medicine appointed by the governor;

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4 (iii) One (1) member to represent Wyoming
5 community colleges appointed by the governor;

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7 (iv) One (1) member of the house of
8 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

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10 (v) One (1) member of the senate appointed by
11 the president of the senate.

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13 (b) The task force shall:

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15 (i) Select a chairman and vice chairman;

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17 (ii) Study the feasibility of a joint venture
18 between the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming community
19 college commission to develop an accredited physician
20 assistant training program in Wyoming;

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1 (iii) Develop a plan for the content of the
2 physician assistant training program, which shall include
3 the mission, academic program and financial plan;
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5 (iv) Identify opportunities to establish
6 relationships with other nationally recognized medical
7 schools for the operation of the physician assistant
8 training program, including collaborating with a higher
9 education institution that currently offers an accredited
10 physician assistant program to offer as much of the program
11 as possible or to periodically offer the program to a
12 cohort of students;
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14 (v) Develop a business plan for determining the
15 appropriate tuition levels, with the ability to offer
16 resident incentives;
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18 (vi) Determine the need for facilities to
19 implement the plans for the physician assistant training
20 program located in Wyoming, including maximizing existing
21 facilities for health care professional training programs
22 and if necessary, acquiring new facilities to accommodate
23 the program; and

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2 (vii) Develop a proposed budget for implementing
3 its recommendations.

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5 (c) The task force shall report its plan for the
6 program together with any recommendations for additional
7 legislation necessary to implement the plan to the joint
8 labor, health and social services interim committee, the
9 joint appropriations interim committee and the governor no
10 later than October 15, 2015.

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12 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative
13 service office. The member of the task force appointed by
14 the president of the senate shall convene the task force no
15 later than April 1, 2015.

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17 (e) The task force shall exist until December 31,
18 2015. Members of the task force who are not state employees
19 or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive
20 reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at the rate
21 provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of
22 the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per

1 diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their
2 official duties as members of the task force.

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4 **Section 2.**

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6 (a) Six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) is appropriated
7 to the legislative service office for payment of salary,
8 per diem and mileage for legislative task force members.

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10 (b) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) is appropriated
11 to the governor's office for payment of authorized per diem
12 and mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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

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19 (END)