

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0130

Law enforcement-canine detection grants.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Rodriguez-Williams, Lawley,  
Niemiec, Oakley, Trujillo and Washut and  
Senator(s) Boner and Nethercott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to law enforcement; establishing a program  
2 to fund fentanyl drug-detection canines for county, city  
3 and town law enforcement agencies; requiring rulemaking;  
4 requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and  
5 providing for 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.**

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11 (a) As used in this act, "law enforcement agency"  
12 includes any county, city or town law enforcement agency.

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14 (b) The law enforcement fentanyl drug-detection  
15 canine program is hereby created. The attorney general

1 shall establish and administer this temporary program for  
2 the purpose of providing grants to law enforcement agencies  
3 to purchase and train fentanyl drug-detection canines or  
4 train drug-detection canines currently in service to detect  
5 fentanyl. Grants under this section should be awarded in  
6 accordance with the following:

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8 (i) The attorney general shall develop an  
9 application process, including required documentation and  
10 application deadlines, for law enforcement agencies to  
11 apply for grants to purchase and train fentanyl drug-  
12 detection canines or train drug-detection canines currently  
13 in service to detect fentanyl. Any law enforcement agency  
14 may apply for a grant under this section pursuant to the  
15 application process established by the attorney general;

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17 (ii) Upon receipt of an application, the  
18 attorney general shall review the application to determine  
19 whether the law enforcement agency is eligible to receive  
20 grant funding. The attorney general may require an  
21 applicant to submit any additional information necessary to  
22 determine eligibility;

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1           (iii) The attorney general shall develop  
2 criteria to evaluate and prioritize grant funding provided  
3 that any one (1) law enforcement agency shall not receive  
4 more than one (1) grant and the grant awarded shall not  
5 exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00). All  
6 grants awarded under this section shall be expended only to  
7 purchase and train fentanyl drug-detection canines or train  
8 existing drug-detection canines currently in service to  
9 detect fentanyl;

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11           (iv) Upon determination that a law enforcement  
12 agency's application qualifies for funding, the attorney  
13 general shall authorize a grant under this program if funds  
14 are available;

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16           (v) Any decision made by the attorney general  
17 regarding program funding shall not be subject to any  
18 administrative or judicial review under the Wyoming  
19 Administrative Procedure Act.

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21           (c) The attorney general shall report to the joint  
22 appropriations committee and the joint judiciary interim  
23 committee regarding applications submitted and a summary of

1 grants awarded under this program not later than June 30,  
2 2025.

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4 (d) This appropriation provided in this act may be  
5 used for administrative expenses incurred while  
6 administering this act, in an amount not to exceed one  
7 percent (1%) of the amount of the appropriation.

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9 (e) The law enforcement fentanyl drug-detection  
10 canine program shall terminate December 31, 2024.  
11 Applications for grants under this program shall be  
12 received by the attorney general not later than July 1,  
13 2024. No grants shall be awarded under this act after  
14 December 31, 2024.

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16 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four million dollars  
17 (\$4,000,000.00) from the general fund to the attorney  
18 general for purposes of this act for the period beginning  
19 July 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024. This  
20 appropriation shall only be used to make grants for  
21 purchasing or training fentanyl drug-detection canines for  
22 law enforcement agencies pursuant to this act and for  
23 administrative expenses as allowed by this act. This

1 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
2 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
3 remaining from this appropriation on December 31, 2024  
4 shall revert as provided by law.

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6 **Section 3.** The attorney general shall promulgate  
7 rules necessary to administer the program authorized under  
8 this act.

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10 **Section 4.**

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12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
13 section, this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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15 (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective  
16 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
17 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
18 the Wyoming Constitution.

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