

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0143

Health information study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow, Harvey and Lubnau
and Senator(s) Rothfuss and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; creating a joint
2 legislative and executive task force to study the creation
3 of an integrated health information system as specified;
4 providing appropriations; and providing for an effective
5 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 a task force on a health
12 information system consisting of the following members:

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14 (i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate,
15 appointed by the president of the senate, one (1) of whom
16 shall be designated as cochairman;

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2 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
3 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, one
4 (1) of whom shall be designated as cochairman;

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6 (iii) Five (5) members appointed by the
7 governor. The governor's appointees shall be selected as
8 having special expertise to represent the interests of
9 patients, payers, providers and purchasers of healthcare.

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11 (b) The task force shall be staffed by the
12 legislative service office and the department of health.
13 State agencies shall provide information and assistance to
14 the task force as requested.

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16 (c) The task force shall:

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18 (i) Study the creation of an integrated health
19 information system in Wyoming. The task force shall make
20 recommendations that:

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22 (A) Include specific strategies to measure
23 and collect data related to healthcare safety and quality,
24 utilization, health outcomes and cost;

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2 (B) Result in usable and comparable
3 information that allows public and private healthcare
4 purchasers and consumers to identify and compare health
5 plans, health insurers, healthcare facilities and
6 healthcare providers regarding the provision of safe, cost
7 effective, high quality healthcare services;

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9 (C) Use and build upon existing data
10 collection standards and methods to establish and maintain
11 the database in a cost effective and efficient manner; and

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13 (D) Ensure confidentiality of personal
14 information as required by the Health Insurance Portability
15 and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and other
16 proprietary information related to collection and release
17 of data.

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19 (ii) Study the establishment of a standardized
20 set of quality measures for healthcare providers across the
21 state. The goal shall be to create a uniform approach to
22 quality measurement in order to enhance market
23 transparency. The quality measures shall be based on
24 medical evidence, shall be developed through a process in

1 which healthcare providers participate, and shall be
2 reviewed on at least an annual basis. In addition, the
3 measures shall:

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5 (A) Include uniform definitions, measures,
6 and forms for submission of data, to the extent possible;

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8 (B) Seek to avoid increasing the
9 administrative burden on healthcare providers;

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11 (C) Be initially based on existing quality
12 indicators for physician and hospital services, which are
13 measured and reported publicly by quality measurement
14 organizations;

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16 (D) Place a priority on measures of
17 healthcare outcomes rather than processes where possible;
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20 (E) Incorporate measures for primary care,
21 including preventive services, coronary artery and heart
22 disease, diabetes, asthma, depression and other appropriate
23 measures.

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1 (iii) Study the appropriate method of
2 integrating population health measurement and analysis into
3 the integrated health information system database.

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5 (d) The task force shall submit its recommendations,
6 including proposed legislation with respect to the issues
7 specified in subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
8 labor, health and social services interim committee and the
9 governor no later than November 1, 2014. The joint labor,
10 health and social services interim committee shall consider
11 the recommendations and develop legislation it deems
12 appropriate for consideration by the legislature in the
13 2015 general session.

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15 (e) The task force shall exist until December 31,
16 2014. Members of the task force who are not state
17 employees or legislators shall not receive a salary but
18 shall receive reimbursement for mileage and per diem
19 expenses at the rate provided for legislators under W.S.
20 28-5-101. Members of the task force who are legislators
21 shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage as provided in
22 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
23 task force.

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1 (f) There is appropriated from the general fund:

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3 (i) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to
4 the legislative service office for payment of salary, per
5 diem and mileage for legislative task force members;

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7 (ii) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the
8 governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and
9 mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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

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