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AN ACT relating to controlled substances; creating an opioid addiction task force; specifying task force duties, membership and staffing; requiring coordination between the advisory council on palliative care and the opioid addiction task force; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-1202(g)(v) is amended to read:

## 35-1-1202. Advisory council on palliative care.

- (g) The council shall:
- (v) Seek opportunities to open a dialogue with law enforcement, and regulatory bodies and the opioid addiction task force on how to accommodate the legitimate uses of prescription drugs for palliative care with efforts to control the dangerous and illegal uses of those drugs;

## Section 2.

- (a) There is created the opioid addiction task force. The task force shall consider the following issues:
- (i) Prescription drug monitoring programs and electronic prescribing systems, including the controlled substances prescription tracking program under W.S. 35-7-1060 and patient prescription history verification requirements;
- (ii) Grants relating to substance abuse education, prevention, treatment and recovery made

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available by the federal government, the state of Wyoming and other organizations;

- (iii) The availability and use of naloxone and other prescription drugs to counteract opioid overdoses;
- (iv) The quality and availability of treatment for opioid addiction and overdoses in Wyoming;
- (v) Strategies to reduce the administration of opioids including promotion of alternative treatments, methods and possible limits on the quantity of opioids that a health care provider is authorized to prescribe;
- (vi) Authorized uses of opioids and any needed legal exceptions for authorized uses;
- (vii) Strategies for community engagement, including outreach to stakeholders and support for families of persons who have been impacted by opioids;
- (viii) Strategies for the state of Wyoming to undertake a focused, unified and cross agency approach relating to opioid education, prevention and treatment;
- (ix) Prescriber and dispenser education relating
  to opioids;
- (x) Necessary law enforcement strategies and tools;
- (xi) Any relevant findings developed by the advisory council on palliative care; and

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- (xii) Any other matter relating to opioids determined to be relevant by the task force.
- (b) The task force shall consist of fourteen (14) members as follows:
- (i) Two (2) members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be designated chairman of the task force by the president;
- (ii) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be designated vice chairman of the task force by the speaker;
- (iii) One (1) member who shall be the director of the department of health or his designee;
- (iv) One (1) member who shall be a mental health care provider specializing in mental health and substance abuse, appointed by the governor;
- (v) One (1) member who shall be a law enforcement officer specializing in drug enforcement, appointed by the governor;
- (vi) Two (2) members of the public, appointed by the governor, one (1) of whom shall be a practicing physician in the state of Wyoming;
- (vii) One (1) member from the attorney general's
  office, appointed by the governor;
- (viii) One (1) member who shall be a practicing
  pharmacist, appointed by the governor;

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- (ix) One (1) member who shall be a board of pharmacy member familiar with the prescription drug monitoring program, appointed by the governor;
- (x) One (1) member who is chairman of the advisory council on palliative care, or his designee;
- (xi) One (1) member who shall be engaged in the treatment of chronic pain, appointed by the governor.
- Legislative members of the task force shall be paid salary, mileage and per diem expenses as provided in W.S. 28-5-101, but no salary for preparation, for their duties as members of the official task Nonlegislative members of the task force shall not receive a salary, but shall be paid mileage and per diem expenses as provided in W.S. 9-3-102 for their official duties as members of the task force. A state or local government employee's service on the task force shall be considered within the scope of the employee's regular duties and the employee's regular pay shall be earned.
- (d) The task force shall submit a preliminary report on or before October 1, 2018 to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee, joint appropriations committee, management council and the governor. The report shall summarize the work of the task force, the task force's efforts to address the issues set forth in subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations for action. The task force shall submit a final report addressing the issues required by this subsection, including any recommendations for action, on or before October 1, 2019.

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- (e) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative service office.
- (f) The task force shall terminate on December 31, 2019.

## Section 3.

- (a) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office. This appropriation shall only be expended for salary, mileage and per diem expenses for legislative members appointed to the task force pursuant to section 2 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2020.
- (\$40,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the governor. This appropriation shall only be expended for mileage and per diem expenses for nonlegislative members appointed to the task force pursuant to section 2 of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2020.

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

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Speaker of the House			President of			the	Senate	
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I hereby certify	that	this act	orig	inated	in	the	Sena	ate.
Chief Clerk								