

SENATE FILE NO. SF0091

State penal facilities review.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nicholas, P., Bebout, Perkins,
Ross and Wasserburger and Representative(s)
Berger, Greear, Harshman, Stubson and Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state institutions; providing for
2 legislative review of potential penitentiary construction
3 needs; providing for a select committee; providing for
4 membership, requirements for committee study and report;
5 providing for staffing and for assistance by state
6 agencies; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) There is created a select committee to study
14 issues relating to building defects at the Wyoming state

1 penitentiary at Rawlins, Wyoming and associated inmate
2 housing issues. The committee shall consist of:

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4 (i) Five (5) members of the Wyoming senate to be
5 appointed by the president of the senate. At least one (1)
6 member shall be from the minority party;

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8 (ii) Five (5) members of the Wyoming house of
9 representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the
10 house. At least one (1) member shall be from the minority
11 party.

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13 (b) The cochairmen of the select committee shall be
14 appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of
15 the house, respectively.

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17 (c) The legislative service office shall staff the
18 select committee. State agencies shall provide information
19 and assistance to the select committee as requested.

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21 (d) The committee shall study and make
22 recommendations for solutions related to building
23 deficiencies at the Wyoming state penitentiary in Rawlins

1 and associated inmate housing issues. The committee shall
2 review the feasibility of repairing or adding to the
3 current penitentiary, construction of a new penitentiary in
4 Rawlins, and relocation of all or a portion of the
5 penitentiary population to an existing or new facility in
6 another location in the state. The committee shall
7 consider existing and future projected inmate populations,
8 capacity of communities and the department of corrections
9 to adequately staff a facility, cost of repair and new
10 construction, expected life cycles, timeframes and other
11 items as the committee determines prudent to adequately
12 address the issues under study.

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14 (e) The committee shall report its findings to the
15 joint appropriations committee and the joint judiciary
16 interim committee not later than October 1, 2016. The joint
17 appropriations committee and joint judiciary interim
18 committee may introduce legislation in the 2017 general
19 session as each determines appropriate to address issues
20 studied pursuant to this act.

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22 (f) The select committee shall terminate December 31,
23 2016.

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2 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
3 fund to the legislative service office seventy thousand
4 dollars (\$70,000.00) for purposes of this act.

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

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