

SENATE FILE NO. SF0156

State government efficiencies.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins, Bebout and Peterson and
Representative(s) Greear and Harshman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of government; creating
2 the Wyoming spending and government efficiency commission;
3 requiring a report; providing appropriations; and providing
4 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) The Wyoming spending and government efficiency
11 commission is created to review issues related to
12 efficiencies in Wyoming state government. The commission
13 shall consist of not more than six (6) members. Three (3)
14 members shall be appointed by the management council of the
15 legislature of whom one (1) shall be from the private

1 sector and one (1) each from the senate and house of
2 representatives. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the
3 governor, of whom one (1) shall be from the private sector.
4 One (1) member shall be appointed by the chief justice of
5 the Wyoming supreme court but shall be a nonvoting member.
6 No member of the commission shall be a state employee. The
7 commission shall elect a chairman from among its two (2)
8 legislative members.

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10 (b) Members who are not legislators shall receive per
11 diem and travel expenses in the same manner and amount
12 provided under W.S. 28-5-101.

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14 (c) The commission shall meet at the call of the
15 chairman or the governor as necessary to complete the
16 duties specified by this section.

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18 (d) The commission shall:

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20 (i) Review the current configuration of the
21 Wyoming state government and the duties and
22 responsibilities of state agencies including identifying
23 any potential areas of overlap and any programs that have

1 accomplished their original objective or have otherwise
2 become obsolete;

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4 (ii) Identify current opportunities for
5 increasing efficiency and reducing costs through executive
6 action or legislation;

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8 (iii) Identify areas for further study,
9 including a recommendation of specific areas with a high
10 likelihood for potential savings;

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12 (iv) Consider development and implementation of
13 a program to incentivize the identification of potential
14 efficiencies by state employees;

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16 (v) Examine the opportunities for savings in the
17 Medicaid program subject to the following:

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19 (A) The examination shall determine the
20 error rates in Medicaid enrollment through the Medicaid
21 eligibility system, error rates in continuing enrollment in
22 Medicaid and the costs of these error rates;

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1 (B) The commission is authorized to cause
2 an audit of a sample of Medicaid enrollees to determine the
3 error rates in enrollment and continued enrollment and the
4 potential savings from correcting the error rates. The
5 audit may be done by state personnel or through a contract
6 with a private firm, or both;

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8 (C) The examination shall include a review
9 of the Medicaid system to detect and correct errors in
10 billing for Medicaid services;

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12 (D) The examination shall include an
13 inquiry concerning how the Medicaid program could reduce
14 expenditures by reducing unneeded utilization of Medicaid
15 services.

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17 (e) The commission shall report the results of the
18 review under this section and any recommendations to the
19 governor and the management council of the legislature not
20 later than November 30, 2017. Recommendations under this
21 subsection may include:

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1 (i) Legislation necessary to implement current
2 opportunities for increasing efficiency and reducing costs
3 in state government;

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5 (ii) Recommendations to continue the commission
6 for additional review of issues related to efficiencies in
7 Wyoming state government or to assign review to another
8 group;

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10 (iii) Opportunities related to the use of
11 consulting services to assess the operations of state
12 government in order to increase savings, provide
13 operational efficiencies and maximize state revenues
14 including identifying the amount of annual savings that
15 could be achieved.

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17 (f) The commission may contract with such experts as
18 necessary to fulfill its duties under this act.

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20 (g) The commission shall exist until December 31,
21 2017.

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1 **Section 2.** The members of the commission shall be
2 appointed not less than thirty (30) days after the
3 effective date of this act.

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5 **Section 3.**

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7 (a) There is appropriated seven thousand eight
8 hundred dollars (\$7,800.00) from the legislative
9 stabilization reserve account to the legislative service
10 office. This appropriation shall be for the period
11 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
12 June 30, 2018. This appropriation shall only be expended
13 for the purpose of providing reimbursement for members of
14 the Wyoming spending and government efficiency commission
15 appointed by the management council. Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
17 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
18 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
19 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
20 2018.

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22 (b) There is appropriated three thousand two hundred
23 dollars (\$3,200.00) from the legislative stabilization

1 reserve account to the governor's office. This
2 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
3 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2018. This
4 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
5 providing reimbursement for members of the Wyoming spending
6 and government efficiency commission appointed by the
7 governor. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
8 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
9 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
10 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
11 by law on June 30, 2018.

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13 (c) There is appropriated five hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$500,000.00) from the legislative stabilization
15 reserve account to the governor's office. This
16 appropriation may be expended by the governor to secure
17 contracting to implement and realize cost savings and
18 efficiencies in areas identified in the report by the
19 commission under section 1 of this act.

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

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