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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0003

Chapter No.: 1

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Treatment courts-transfer to judicial branch.

Subject: Transferring oversight and administration of treatment courts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Currently, the Department of Health oversees treatment courts, which are special courts for substance offenders to complete treatment and to be held accountable for completing treatment.
- This act transfers responsibility and oversight for treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court on July 1, 2024. The act transfers all obligations, property, equipment and unexpended funds allocated for treatment courts from the Department of Health to the Supreme Court.
- Between now and July 1, 2024, the act requires the Department of Health to consult with the Supreme Court regarding any agreement, contract or other obligation the Department of Health seeks to enter on behalf of the treatment-court program.
- The act imposes reporting requirements on the Department of Health and the Wyoming Supreme Court regarding the transfer of treatment courts and its functions and responsibilities.

Comments:

- This act transfers the administration of treatment courts from the Department of Health to the Wyoming Supreme Court on July 1, 2024. All funds, positions and obligations of the treatment courts are transferred to the Wyoming Supreme Court on that date.
- This act requires the Department of Health and the Wyoming Supreme Court to report to the Joint Judiciary Committee by August 1, 2023, on the development of a plan to effectuate the transfer of the treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court.
- This act has a split effective date. Provisions related to reporting and contract requirements are effective immediately; the substantive provisions related to the transfer of treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court are effective July 1, 2024.

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