

SENATE FILE NO. SF0055

County payment of costs for juvenile services.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile services; requiring payment of
2 specified services for juveniles under the Juvenile Justice
3 Act and the Children in Need of Supervision Act by boards
4 of county commissioners when certain conditions are
5 present; providing for release from the requirement when
6 the specified conditions are no longer present; and
7 providing for an 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.** W.S. 14-6-235 by creating new subsections
12 (e) and (f) and 14-6-435 by creating new subsections (c)
13 and (d) are amended to read:

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15 **14-6-235. Fees, costs and expenses.**

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1 (e) Any costs for any services that would otherwise
2 be paid by the state for juveniles under this act shall be
3 paid by the board of county commissioners of the county
4 where the proceedings under this act are held as follows:

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6 (i) In those counties where the number of
7 juveniles removed from their homes and placed in the
8 custody of the department under this act in the preceding
9 twelve (12) months is ten (10) or fewer, and at least two
10 (2) of those juveniles returned home and subsequently were
11 placed in the custody of the department within twelve (12)
12 months after their initial release from the custody of the
13 department, the services that shall be paid by the board of
14 county commissioners shall include all costs that would
15 otherwise be paid by the state for each such juvenile who
16 returned home and was subsequently placed in the custody of
17 the department under this act within twelve (12) months
18 after being released from the custody of the department.
19 The costs the board of county commissioners shall be
20 required to pay under this subsection shall not include any
21 costs that the juvenile's parents or any other person who
22 may be legally obligated to support the juvenile would be
23 required to pay;

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1 (ii) In those counties where the number of
2 juveniles removed from their homes and placed in the
3 custody of the department under this act in the preceding
4 twelve (12) months is more than ten (10), and the
5 percentage of those juveniles who returned home and
6 subsequently were placed in the custody of the department
7 within twelve (12) months after their initial release from
8 the custody of the department is equal to or exceeds twenty
9 percent (20%), the services that shall be paid by the board
10 of county commissioners shall include all costs that would
11 otherwise be paid by the state for each such juvenile who
12 returned home and was subsequently placed in the custody of
13 the department under this act within twelve (12) months
14 after being released from the custody of the department.
15 The costs the board of county commissioners shall be
16 required to pay under this subsection shall not include any
17 costs that the juvenile's parents or any other person who
18 may be legally obligated to support the juvenile would be
19 required to pay.

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21 (f) Costs for services that are paid by the county
22 under subsection (e) of this section shall cease when
23 statistics compiled by the department show that the rate of
24 juveniles within the county who returned home after being

1 placed in the custody of the department under this act, and
2 who were again placed in the custody of the department
3 within twelve (12) months after their initial release from
4 the custody of the department, does not meet the criteria
5 specified in paragraph (e)(i) or (ii) of this section.

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7 **14-6-435. Ordering payment for support and treatment**
8 **of child; how paid; enforcement.**

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10 (c) Any costs for any services that would otherwise
11 be paid by the state for children under this act shall be
12 paid by the board of county commissioners of the county
13 where the proceedings under this act are held as follows:

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15 (i) In those counties where the number of
16 children removed from their homes and placed in the custody
17 of the department under this act in the preceding twelve
18 (12) months is ten (10) or fewer, and at least two (2) of
19 those children returned home and subsequently were placed
20 in the custody of the department within twelve (12) months
21 after their initial release from the custody of the
22 department, the services that shall be paid by the board of
23 county commissioners shall include all costs that would
24 otherwise be paid by the state for each such child who

1 returned home and was subsequently placed in the custody of
2 the department under this act within twelve (12) months
3 after being released from the custody of the department.
4 The costs the board of county commissioners shall be
5 required to pay under this subsection shall not include any
6 costs that the child's parents or any other person who may
7 be legally obligated to support the child would be required
8 to pay;

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10 (ii) In those counties where the number of
11 children removed from their homes and placed in the custody
12 of the department under this act in the preceding twelve
13 (12) months is more than ten (10), and the percentage of
14 those children who returned home and subsequently were
15 placed in the custody of the department within twelve (12)
16 months after their initial release from the custody of the
17 department is equal to or exceeds twenty percent (20%), the
18 services that shall be paid by the board of county
19 commissioners shall include all costs that would otherwise
20 be paid by the state for each such child who returned home
21 and was subsequently placed in the custody of the
22 department under this act within twelve (12) months after
23 being released from the custody of the department. The
24 costs the board of county commissioners shall be required

1 to pay under this subsection shall not include any costs
2 that the child's parents or any other person who may be
3 legally obligated to support the child would be required to
4 pay.

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6 (d) Costs for services that are paid by the county
7 under subsection (c) of this section shall cease when
8 statistics compiled by the department show that the rate of
9 children within the county who returned home after being
10 placed in the custody of the department under this act, and
11 who were again placed in the custody of the department
12 within twelve (12) months after their initial release from
13 the custody of the department, does not meet the criteria
14 specified in paragraph (c)(i) or (ii) of this section.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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