

SENATE FILE NO. SF0079

Public health nursing.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health nursing; providing for
2 funding and employment of public health nurses as
3 specified; providing for a report; providing an
4 appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-1-240(a)(xx) is amended to read:

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10 **35-1-240. Powers and duties.**

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12 (a) The department of health, through the state
13 health officer, or under his direction and supervision,
14 through the other employees of the department, shall have
15 and exercise the following powers and duties:

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1 (xx) To operate a public health nursing program
2 which may include, but is not limited to, provision of
3 immunizations, evaluation of the need of individuals for
4 nursing home admission or services and the operation of an
5 infant public health nurse home visitation subprogram. The
6 public health nursing program may, where and to the extent
7 appropriate, be administered through or in conjunction with
8 county, municipal, local or district health departments.
9 Where a public health nursing program is administered
10 through or in conjunction with county, municipal, local or
11 district health departments, a county, municipal, local or
12 district health department may request that funding for the
13 state portion of the public health nursing program provided
14 in this paragraph be paid directly to the county,
15 municipal, local or district health department. Upon
16 receipt of the request, the department of health shall,
17 contingent on an agreement between the county, municipal or
18 district health department on a performance contract,
19 provide funding for the state portion of the public health
20 nursing program provided in this paragraph directly to the
21 county, municipal, local or district health departments and
22 the public health nurses shall be employed by and at the
23 direction of the county, municipal, local or district
24 health department;

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2 **Section 2.** The department of health shall conduct a
3 study of the operation of a statewide public health nursing
4 system in Wyoming, as authorized pursuant to W.S.
5 35-1-240(a)(xx). The study shall address ways to improve
6 the efficiency, uniformity and accountability of the public
7 health nursing system. The department shall report the
8 results of the study, including any recommended statutory
9 or budgetary changes, to the joint labor, health and social
10 services interim committee, by October 1, 2013.

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12 **Section 3.** There is appropriated one dollars (\$1.00)
13 from the general fund to the department of health. This
14 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
15 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2015. This
16 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
17 providing funding to the county, municipal, local or
18 district health departments for public health nursing as
19 provided in this act. Notwithstanding any other provision
20 of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or
21 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
22 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
23 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2015.

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