

## SENATE FILE NO. SF0106

Wyoming state guard-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming state guard; removing  
2 federal involvement in the Wyoming state guard; allowing  
3 the governor to organize and maintain the Wyoming state  
4 guard; specifying the source of payment for service in the  
5 state guard; making conforming amendments; and providing  
6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-10-101(a) and (b), 19-10-102 and  
11 19-10-103 are amended to read:

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1           19-10-101. Organization by governor; appointment of  
2 council; removal; control.

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4           (a) ~~If the national guard of Wyoming is ordered into~~  
5 ~~the service of the United States,~~ The governor may organize  
6 and maintain within this state ~~during that period, under~~  
7 ~~such regulations as the secretary of defense may prescribe,~~  
8 such military forces ~~as may be authorized by the secretary~~  
9 ~~of defense or~~ as the governor deems necessary ~~for the~~  
10 ~~defense~~ to preserve the public peace, to execute the laws  
11 of the state, to suppress insurrection or repel invasion.  
12 The forces shall be known as the Wyoming state guard.  
13 Insofar as practicable, the existing laws, rules and  
14 regulations governing the national guard shall be ~~applied~~  
15 ~~to~~ used as a model for the control of the Wyoming state  
16 guard. ~~The force shall be of such strength as directed by~~  
17 ~~the secretary of defense, with such expansion in the future~~  
18 ~~as may be authorized.~~ The Wyoming state guard shall be of  
19 such strength and shall be armed, trained and equipped in  
20 such manner as may be prescribed by ~~the secretary of~~  
21 ~~defense or~~ the governor of Wyoming.

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1 (b) For the purpose of coordinating desirable  
2 ~~national~~state defense activities, the governor shall  
3 appoint a Wyoming state council of defense. The council,  
4 subject to the approval of the governor, may organize  
5 necessary subordinate branches and establish rules and  
6 regulations for the operation of the council and  
7 subordinate branches, and assist in all matters pertaining  
8 to the Wyoming state guard and other state or national  
9 defense activities not otherwise covered by law.  
10 Appointment to the council of defense is not limited by any  
11 requirements as to prior military or naval service. The  
12 governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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14 **19-10-102. Pay and allowances.**

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16 Members of the Wyoming state guard, when serving under  
17 orders of the governor of Wyoming, shall receive ~~out-of-by~~  
18 legislative appropriation from the general fund of Wyoming  
19 not otherwise appropriated or by the governor from the  
20 continuous appropriation for public welfare emergencies  
21 under W.S. 9-2-1014.3 the same pay and allowances  
22 authorized for personnel of equal rank in the national  
23 guard.

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2           **19-10-103. Requisition of arms and supplies.**

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4   The governor may requisition or purchase ~~from the~~  
5 ~~department of defense or other sources~~ such arms, equipment  
6 and supplies as are necessary to equip the Wyoming state  
7 guard and may make available to such forces the facilities  
8 and equipment of state armories and other state premises  
9 and property as are available and necessary.

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11           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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