

SENATE FILE NO. SF0079

Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peck and Case and
Representative(s) McOmie, Miller, Philp and
Tipton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT providing an appropriation for the alleviation of
2 specified conditions on the Wind River Indian Reservation
3 through education programs; imposing conditions upon the
4 expenditure of appropriated funds; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The legislature finds that:

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13 (i) Conditions of severe unemployment, poverty
14 and lack of adequate job skills exist on the Wind River
15 Indian Reservation;

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1 (ii) Educational programs provided by Shoshone
2 and Arapahoe Indian Tribes address these conditions on the
3 reservation;

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5 (iii) The Shoshone and Arapahoe Indian Tribes
6 are sovereign nations whose members are also citizens of
7 the United States and residents of Wyoming;

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9 (iv) With assistance from the state of Wyoming,
10 the Joint Tribal Council of the Shoshone and Arapahoe
11 Indian Tribes will be capable of continuing efforts to
12 address conditions existing on the reservation through the
13 provision of programs addressing the special educational
14 needs of Indian students. The maintenance of these special
15 educational programs unique to Indian students is of mutual
16 benefit to the tribes and to the state, reducing future
17 financial needs of those students as tribal members and as
18 Wyoming residents for public education, job services,
19 substance abuse services and income supplements.

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21 (b) One hundred ninety-two thousand fifty-five
22 dollars (\$192,055.00) is appropriated from the general fund
23 to the governor. The governor shall enter into a contract
24 with the Joint Tribal Council of the Shoshone and Arapahoe

1 Indian Tribes whereby the funds appropriated under this
2 section shall be conveyed to the Joint Tribal Council to be
3 expended by the council for program enhancements, services
4 for students at-risk of failure in school and other
5 services essential to the success and welfare of students.

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7 (c) As part of the contract the Joint Tribal Council
8 shall agree to report to the governor and the joint
9 education interim committee on the expenditure of funds
10 under this section and on the impact of such expenditures
11 on student performance. The report shall be made not later
12 than June 30, 2004.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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