

SENATE FILE NO. SF0141

School finance-hold harmless computation.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, J. and Northrup and
Representative(s) Diercks and Hageman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying foundation
2 program hold harmless provisions; specifying
3 implementation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** 2002 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 76,

8 Section 12 is amended to read:

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10 **Section 12.** [HOLD HARMLESS OF FOUNDATION PROGRAM
11 AMOUNT]

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13 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 21-13-309(p), using
14 computations of district foundation program amounts by the
15 state department of education based upon reports from
16 districts required by the department, the foundation

1 program amount computed for a district under W.S.
2 21-13-309(p) for school years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, less
3 amounts reimbursed under W.S. 21-13-320 for transportation,
4 W.S. 21-13-321 for special education, W.S. 21-13-324 for
5 teacher extra compensation, W.S. 21-4-401 for
6 transportation or maintenance of isolated students and W.S.
7 21-4-501 through 21-4-506 for tuition payments, shall not
8 be less than one hundred percent (100%) of the foundation
9 program amount available to that district during the 2001-
10 2002 school year, as computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) prior
11 to addition of the reimbursement amounts for
12 transportation, special education, teacher extra
13 compensation, transportation of isolated students and
14 tuition payments for that school year. A district is not
15 entitled to additional funding under this section if, but
16 for a decrease in ADM as compared with the 2001-2002 school
17 year, that district would not have a foundation program
18 amount that is less than one hundred percent (100%) of the
19 school year 2001-2002 foundation program amount.

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21 (b) Payments received by school districts during
22 school years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 from the elimination
23 of the limitations imposed upon adjustments to the
24 foundation program amount for transportation and special

1 education pursuant to 2002 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
2 76, Section 3, shall not be included in the computations
3 under subsection (a) of this section.

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5 **Section 2.**

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7 (a) The state department of education shall implement
8 section 1 of this act during school year 2002-2003,
9 appropriately adjusting 2002-2003 foundation program
10 payments such that any amount owed to a district from the
11 foundation program account is paid on July 15, 2003.

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13 (b) Notwithstanding section 1 of this act and
14 subsection (a) of this section, the state department shall
15 not reduce any district's payment from the foundation
16 program account because of implementation of section 1 of
17 this act during school year 2002-2003. In addition, the
18 state department shall not adjust the district's foundation
19 program payment for school year 2003-2004 because of
20 implementation of section 1 of this act during the 2002-
21 2003 school year.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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