

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0137

School finance-kindergarten payments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Hinckley,
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Senator(s) Burns, Massie and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; providing assistance to
2 school districts for provision of full-day kindergarten
3 programs; imposing duties upon the department of education;
4 requiring district reporting; providing an appropriation;
5 and providing for an 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) To provide financial assistance to school
12 districts for the provision of full-day kindergarten
13 programs, each school district shall for school year 2004-
14 2005, receive an amount payable from the school foundation
15 program account determined in accordance with subsection
16 (b) of this section. This payment shall be made by the

1 department of education from amounts within the foundation
2 program account appropriated by the legislature for
3 purposes of this section and shall be in addition to the
4 foundation program amount determined for each district
5 under W.S. 21-13-309(p). If there is an insufficient
6 amount within the foundation program account for payments
7 under this section, the department shall make a pro rata
8 reduction in the payments to districts for each
9 kindergarten student.

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11 (b) Payments to school districts for full-day
12 kindergarten programs shall be computed by multiplying the
13 number of students enrolled in full-day kindergarten
14 programs within each district during school year 2004-2005
15 by one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and shall be
16 distributed to districts on February 15 together with
17 foundation program distributions for school year 2004-2005
18 under W.S. 21-13-313. For purposes of computations under
19 this subsection, the kindergarten enrollment count for each
20 district shall be the enrollment taken during October 2004.

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22 (c) Each district shall report expenditures to the
23 department in the manner and at the time specified by the
24 department. The department shall compile the reports and

1 submit the compilation to the joint education interim
2 committee.

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4 **Section 2.** Six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) is
5 appropriated from the school foundation program account to
6 the department of education for distributions to school
7 districts for full-day kindergarten programs pursuant to
8 section 1 of this act.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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