

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0211

Special education regionalization-funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to special education programs and services;
2 providing an appropriation for a position within the
3 department of education to implement recommendations of the
4 special education regionalization study task force; and
5 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) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is
12 appropriated from the general fund to the state
13 superintendent of public instruction to fund one (1)
14 additional full-time position to implement recommendations
15 of the regionalization service study task force appointed
16 by the state superintendent to carry out a study to
17 implement a regionalized approach for the provision of

1 special education programs and services, as required by
2 2003 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 208, Section 103(b).
3 Responsibilities for this position shall include:

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5 (i) Development of statewide guidelines for
6 adequate special education staffing levels for use in
7 assessing special education programs and services provided
8 by school districts, as required by W.S.
9 21-2-202(a)(xxiii);

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11 (ii) Monitoring of school district staffing
12 levels and special education identification and service
13 delivery practices, as required under W.S.
14 21-2-202(a)(xxiv);

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16 (iii) Establishment and administration of the
17 regionalized services center board recommended by the task
18 force, to govern a center functioning as a clearinghouse
19 for determining district staffing needs and guidelines,
20 locating, acquiring and retaining special education service
21 providers and personnel, and collaborating with school
22 districts for provision or supervision of service providers
23 and personnel;

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(iv) Assessment of the appropriateness of district variations in services provided or the delivery of services, and development of alternative approaches to districts for program and service delivery, as required under W.S. 21-2-202(a) (xxiv).

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7 (b) On or before October 15, 2005, the state

8 superintendent shall report to the joint education interim

9 committee on the position funded under this section and on

10 the execution of position responsibilities specified under

11 subsection (a) of this section.

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

18 (END)