

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools.

Sponsored by: Select Committee On Tribal Relations

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; transferring funds to
 5 the governor's office; 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) 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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17 (ii) Educational programs provided by the

1 Eastern Shoshone and the Northern Arapaho Indian Tribes
2 address these conditions on the reservation;

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

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

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21 (b) Twenty-six thousand three hundred sixteen dollars
22 (\$26,316.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
23 office of the governor for the biennium to be used for a
24 cost of living increase to the budget for Saint Stephens

1 school. One-half (1/2) of the funds shall be used for each
2 year of the biennium. The office of the governor shall
3 provide the funds under this section through amendment of
4 existing contracts or creation of new contracts with the
5 joint business council of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern
6 Arapaho Indian Tribes whereby the funds appropriated under
7 this section shall be conveyed to the joint business
8 council to be expended by the joint business council for
9 program enhancements, services for students at risk of
10 failure in school and other services essential to the
11 success and welfare of students.

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13 (c) There is transferred to the office of the
14 governor from the department of education three hundred
15 eighty-four thousand one hundred ten dollars (\$384,110.00)
16 for funding for Saint Stephens school. This transfer shall
17 be a type 1 transfer, pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1707(b)(i) and
18 shall include the transfer of all positions, personnel,
19 property, contracts and funds associated with the funds
20 appropriated under this section.

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22 (d) As part of the contract the joint business
23 council shall agree to report to the joint appropriations
24 interim committee, the joint education interim committee

1 and the select committee on tribal relations on the
2 expenditure of funds under this section and on the impact
3 of the expenditures on student performance. The report
4 shall be made not later than June 30, 2007.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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