

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0072

Healthy living-healthy learning grants.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; creating the healthy living-
2 healthy learning program account, as specified; providing
3 for grants to school districts from the account; providing
4 criteria for healthy living-healthy learning grants;
5 establishing a maximum grant level; establishing a healthy
6 living-healthy learning panel, as specified; granting
7 rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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11 Section 1. W.S. 21-24-101 through 21-24-104 are
12 created to read:

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CHAPTER 24

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HEALTHY LIVING-HEALTHY LEARNING GRANTS

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1           **21-24-101. Healthy living-healthy learning; account**  
2 **established.**

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4           (a) The healthy living-healthy learning program  
5 account is established to consist of funds appropriated to,  
6 or designated to the account by law, or by gift from  
7 whatever source, for distribution to school districts in  
8 accordance with this article. Within the limits of  
9 legislative appropriation, if any, the resources of the  
10 healthy living-healthy learning account shall be paid into  
11 the state treasury and shall be drawn out and distributed  
12 to the school districts upon certification of the state  
13 superintendent and upon vouchers approved by the state  
14 auditor payable to the treasurer of the several districts.

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16           (b) Any school district which meets the requirements  
17 of this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated by  
18 the department of education is eligible for funding from  
19 the account in an amount not to exceed sixty-five thousand  
20 dollars (\$65,000.00) or ten dollars (\$10.00) per student,  
21 whichever is greater, for each fiscal year.

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23           (c) A school district applying for a grant under this  
24 chapter shall agree to continue implementation of healthy

1 living-healthy learning practices even if continued funding  
2 is not available.

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4 (d) The department of education shall make funding  
5 recommendations to the healthy living-healthy learning  
6 panel based, in part, on the amount of funding the local  
7 school district is willing to commit to implementing the  
8 goals of this chapter. The department of education shall  
9 make recommendations regarding a proportionate contribution  
10 to each participating school district from the account  
11 subject to the maximum amount established in subsection (b)  
12 of this section.

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14 (e) In addition to those funds appropriated to the  
15 account established under subsection (a) of this section  
16 the department may accept, and shall deposit to the  
17 account, any gifts, contributions, donations, grants or  
18 federal funds specifically given to the department for the  
19 benefit of promoting healthy living-healthy learning in  
20 Wyoming.

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22 **21-24-102. Healthy living-healthy learning panel.**

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1           (a) The department of education shall oversee and  
2 provide funding for the school districts from the healthy  
3 living-healthy learning account. The department of  
4 education shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying  
5 a funding application procedure, certification requirements  
6 for participating school districts, and an objective  
7 process for measuring outcomes in school districts  
8 implementing healthy living-healthy learning practices.  
9 Compliance with this chapter, rules promulgated under this  
10 chapter and guidelines set forth for comprehensive school  
11 health programs from the federal centers for disease  
12 control shall be considered by the department.

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14           (b) The healthy living-healthy learning panel shall  
15 consist of the following persons or their designees:

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17                   (i) The state superintendent of public  
18 instruction;

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20                   (ii) The director of the department of health;

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22                   (iii) The attorney general;

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1           (iv) The director of the department of family  
2 services;

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4           (v) A teacher, a school nurse and a student  
5 appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction  
6 from districts which are implementing the healthy living-  
7 healthy learning program. The panel, upon recommendations  
8 from the department of education, shall make all grant  
9 funding determinations. The panel shall determine whether a  
10 local school district grant application meets the criteria  
11 established by this chapter.

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13           (c) Any expenses incurred in implementing this  
14 chapter shall be paid from the account by the department of  
15 education. Administrative expenses shall be minimized and  
16 shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the amounts  
17 appropriated by the legislature for implementing healthy  
18 living-healthy learning.

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20           (d) Those members of the panel who are not full-time  
21 employees of the state of Wyoming or of a school district  
22 shall receive per diem and mileage allowance as allowed to  
23 state employees for attending the meetings and performing  
24 the duties incumbent upon them as members of the panel.

1 Those members of the panel who are not full-time employees  
2 of the state or full-time employees of a school district  
3 shall receive a salary of one hundred twenty-five dollars  
4 (\$125.00) per day.

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6 **21-24-103. Application; selection by the panel;**  
7 **report on grants awarded.**

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9 (a) Requests for initial or continued funding of  
10 healthy living-healthy learning grants may be submitted  
11 annually by any local school district to the panel on dates  
12 set by the department of education. Proposals shall be in  
13 a form provided and prescribed by the department of  
14 education.

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16 (b) The panel shall award grants only to those school  
17 districts which meet the standards required by this chapter  
18 and rules and regulations promulgated by the department of  
19 education.

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21 (c) In accordance with determinations of the panel,  
22 the department of education shall annually distribute funds  
23 to the school districts. Grants received under this  
24 article shall only be used for the purposes for which the

1 grant is awarded and shall not be expended for any other  
2 program, activity or purpose.

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4 (d) The department of education shall, on behalf of  
5 the panel, annually report to the governor and the joint  
6 education interim committee on the selected school  
7 districts which receive funding. The report shall include  
8 an evaluation of the progress of each district in  
9 implementing the nine (9) components of healthy living-  
10 healthy learning specified in W.S. 21-24-104 and the  
11 outcomes achieved by each grantee.

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13 **21-24-104. Qualifications.**

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15 (a) A local school district shall submit to the panel  
16 with its grant application a plan for implementing the  
17 following nine (9) components of healthy living-healthy  
18 learning within five (5) years of receiving initial funding  
19 under this chapter:

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21 (i) Health education and life skills as core  
22 academic subjects, with adequate instructional time and  
23 consistent with the national health education standards;

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1           (ii) Effective, enjoyable instructional programs  
2 of physical education and activity for all students in  
3 kindergarten through grade twelve (12) based on a written  
4 curriculum consistent with national standards for physical  
5 education;

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7           (iii) Prompt and efficient on-site access to  
8 school-based health services, including on-site screening,  
9 diagnosis, treatment and health counseling services  
10 provided by school nurses and by school health centers;

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12           (iv) Promotion of good eating habits among  
13 school-aged children and provision of proper nutritional  
14 guidance;

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16           (v) Health promotion for administrators,  
17 faculty, and school support staff, including school bus  
18 drivers, food service workers, building custodians and  
19 classroom aides;

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21           (vi) A comprehensive focus on psychological and  
22 social services counseling to address barriers to learning  
23 and healthy development;

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1           (vii) Assurance of a healthy school environment  
2 by promotion of positive social relationships and attitudes  
3 about school by providing safe and well-kept buildings and  
4 grounds;

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6           (viii) Promotion of family and community  
7 involvement through an environment that is culturally  
8 sensitive, in which parents feel valued and welcome, with  
9 supportive mission and policy statements;

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11           (ix) Utilization of available means to provide  
12 every student the chance to succeed academically, including  
13 family support, health and wellness initiatives,  
14 interagency efforts, and other creative, nontraditional  
15 approaches dictated by the specific needs and circumstances  
16 of students.

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18           (b) If a school district receives a grant pursuant to  
19 this chapter, the school facilities commission shall  
20 consider whether the district's schools have sufficient  
21 space to accomplish the purposes specified in paragraphs  
22 (a)(iii) and (vii) of this section and shall review the  
23 school district's five (5) year plan and any capital

1 construction projects of that school district for those  
2 purposes.

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

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