

ENROLLED ACT NO. 126, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to school finance; providing supplemental assistance to school districts for driver's education programs; specifying assistance requirements; imposing duties upon and delegating rulemaking authority to the department of education; imposing reporting requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.**

(a) Supplemental financial assistance shall be available to school districts through the department of education for the provision of driver's education programs. Financial assistance under this section shall be in addition to and shall not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. To qualify for supplemental assistance under this section, the driver's education program provided by a district shall be certified by the state coordinator of driver education programs under W.S. 21-3-501 and shall be in compliance with guidelines and standards prescribed by rule and regulation of the department of education under W.S. 21-3-501. Supplemental assistance under this section shall be limited to reimbursement for students within a school who are eligible for participation in the free and reduced price lunch program under the national school lunch program established by 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

(b) On or before September 15, 2009, each school district may apply to the department of education for financial assistance under this section on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department. In addition to

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verification that the district's driver's education program is certified under W.S. 21-3-501 and verification of student eligibility as provided in subsection (a) of this section, application shall include an estimate of the number of eligible students enrolling and completing the district's program during the 2009-2010 school year, including the 2009 summer session, together with any additional information which may be required by the department.

(c) Financial assistance under this section shall be computed by the department for each eligible applicant district by multiplying the number of estimated eligible students enrolling and completing the district's certified driver's education program during school year 2009-2010, including the 2009 summer session, by one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), less any per student fee which may be assessed by the district for enrolling in the driver's education program. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount computed under this subsection, based upon estimated eligible student enrollment, shall be paid by the department to each eligible applicant district on or before October 15.

(d) Not later than June 15, 2010, each district receiving supplemental financial assistance under subsection (c) of this section shall report the actual number of eligible students enrolling and completing its certified driver's education program during school year 2009-2010, including the 2009 summer session. Based upon the report submitted by each recipient district and on or before June 30, 2010, the department shall pay each district the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount computed under subsection (c) of this section, adjusted to reflect actual program enrollment and completion. If the appropriation from the foundation

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program account under subsection (f) of this section is insufficient to make payments under this subsection, the department shall make a pro rata reduction in the final payment made to all districts under this subsection.

(e) In carrying out this section, the department shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations and shall notify districts of supplemental financial assistance available under this section in sufficient time for compliance with district application requirements imposed under this section. On or before December 1, 2009, the department shall report to the joint education interim committee on financial assistance distributions made under this section based upon estimated student enrollment numbers, and shall provide recommendations to the committee on program continuation.

(f) Two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education for distribution to districts as supplemental assistance in accordance with this section. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk