

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0069

Driver's education program funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Berger, Harvey, Millin and
Patton and Senator(s) Burns, Decaria, Massie
and Schiffer

A BILL

for

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

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) Supplemental financial assistance shall be
14 available to school districts through the department of
15 education for the provision of driver's education programs.
16 Financial assistance under this section shall be in

1 addition to and shall not be considered in determining the
2 school foundation program amount under the education
3 resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309. To
4 qualify for supplemental assistance under this section, the
5 driver's education program provided by a district shall be
6 certified by the state coordinator of driver education
7 programs under W.S. 21-3-501 and shall be in compliance
8 with guidelines and standards prescribed by rule and
9 regulation of the department of education under W.S.
10 21-3-501.

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12 (b) On or before September 15, 2009, each school
13 district may apply to the department of education for
14 financial assistance under this section on a form and in a
15 manner prescribed by the department. In addition to
16 verification that the district's driver's education program
17 is certified under W.S. 21-3-501, application shall include
18 an estimate of the number of students enrolling and
19 completing the district's program during the 2009-2010
20 school year, including the 2009 summer session, together
21 with any additional information which may be required by
22 the department.

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1 (c) Financial assistance under this section shall be
2 computed by the department for each eligible applicant
3 district by multiplying the number of estimated students
4 enrolling and completing the district's certified driver's
5 education program during school year 2009-2010, including
6 the 2009 summer session, by one hundred fifty dollars
7 (\$150.00), less any per student fee which may be assessed
8 by the district for enrolling in the driver's education
9 program. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount computed
10 under this subsection, based upon estimated student
11 enrollment, shall be paid by the department to each
12 eligible applicant district on or before October 15.

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14 (d) Not later than June 15, 2009, each district
15 receiving supplemental financial assistance under
16 subsection (c) of this section shall report the actual
17 number of students enrolling and completing its certified
18 driver's education program during school year 2009-2010,
19 including the 2009 summer session. Based upon the report
20 submitted by each recipient district and on or before June
21 30, 2009, the department shall pay each district the
22 remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount computed
23 under subsection (c) of this section, adjusted to reflect
24 actual program enrollment and completion. If the

1 appropriation from the foundation program account under
2 subsection (f) of this section is insufficient to make
3 payments under this subsection, the department shall make a
4 pro rata reduction in the final payment made to all
5 districts under this subsection.

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

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19 (f) Four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000.00)
20 is appropriated from the public school foundation program
21 account to the department of education for distribution to
22 districts as supplemental assistance in accordance with
23 this section. This appropriation shall be for the period
24 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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