

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0236

School finance-instructional facilitator program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Cohee, Hammons
and Simpson and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying required
2 components of the instructional facilitator supplemental
3 assistance program; accordingly modifying district and
4 department of education reporting requirements; 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.** W.S. 21-13-335(b)(intro), by creating new
10 paragraphs (iii) and (iv) and (f) is amended to read:

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12 **21-13-335. Supplemental financial assistance program**
13 **for instructional facilitators and instructional coaches.**

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15 (b) Each school district may apply to the department
16 of education for financial assistance under this section on

1 or before April 15 of the school year immediately preceding
2 the school year for which financial assistance is
3 requested. Application shall be on a form and in a manner
4 prescribed by the department and application review and
5 selection shall be in accordance with the process
6 established by department rule and regulation, with
7 priority given to programs incorporating requirements
8 specified under paragraph (iv) of this subsection. At
9 minimum, the application shall include documentation of the
10 following program components:

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12 (iii) Evidence that financial assistance
13 available under this section will be used to employ
14 facilitators with at least five (5) years of classroom
15 teaching experience and holding a masters degree or holding
16 national certification by the national board for
17 professional teaching standards;

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19 (iv) A system for identifying and evaluating
20 instructor performance as measured by student achievement
21 based upon an established achievement gains model, which
22 provides programs designed to improve instructor skills and
23 knowledge through continuous learning and sustained support
24 and which requires development of improvement strategies

1 aligned with overall school and student academic
2 improvement plans.

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4 (f) Each district shall report to the department of
5 education on expenditures of amounts distributed under this
6 section together with additional information required by
7 the department on instructional facilitation strategies
8 employed by the district, employment of facilitators
9 meeting criteria specified under paragraph (b)(iii) of this
10 section, the impact of facilitation on student performance
11 and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the facilitation
12 strategies employed by the recipient district as documented
13 by actual data. The department shall compile the
14 information reported by districts under this subsection and
15 report the compilation to the joint education interim
16 committee. Based upon this compilation and upon actual
17 data substantiating the impact of facilitation strategies
18 on instructor performance and student achievement, the
19 department shall provide recommendations to the committee
20 on future program structure and funding in sufficient time
21 to guide recalibration of the education resource block
22 grant model as required under W.S. 21-13-309(t) for
23 consideration by the 2011 legislature.

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

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