

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0255

Year round school calendar incentive.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas, B. and Harshman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to school finance; appropriating funds from  
2 the school foundation program account for a pilot program  
3 providing supplemental financial assistance to school  
4 districts for operating schools year round; requiring  
5 application and prescribing qualifications; delegating  
6 program administration to the department of education; and  
7 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.**

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13 (a) For the period commencing July 1, 2013, and  
14 ending June 30, 2014, up to three million dollars  
15 (\$3,000,000.00) is appropriated from the school foundation  
16 program account to the department of education for  
17 administering a pilot program providing assistance to

1 school districts in accordance with this section. Under  
2 this pilot program, supplemental financial assistance shall  
3 be available to school districts to augment resources  
4 contained within the education resource block grant model  
5 for the provision of education programs designed to  
6 schedule student instruction over the entire school year.

7 The pilot program shall be:

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9 (i) In addition to and shall not be considered  
10 in determining the school foundation program amount under  
11 the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S.  
12 21-13-309;

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14 (ii) Available for schools providing instruction  
15 for the minimum number of student-teacher contact days  
16 required under W.S. 21-4-301, which are scheduled over the  
17 entire school year such that any break from student-teacher  
18 instruction does not exceed a period greater than three (3)  
19 consecutive weeks;

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21 (iii) Made available upon school district  
22 application to the department of education and subsequent  
23 qualification in accordance with this section.

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1           (b) To receive supplemental assistance awarded under  
2 this section, a school district shall apply to the  
3 department of education on or before June 15, 2013.  
4 Application to the department shall be in a manner and form  
5 prescribed by the department and shall include:

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7           (i) A plan developed by the applicant district  
8 depicting the schedule for school operation for school year  
9 2013-2014 which provides at minimum, instruction for the  
10 required number of student-teacher contact days with breaks  
11 spread out over the entire school year such that any one  
12 (1) break does not exceed a period of three (3) consecutive  
13 weeks;

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15           (ii) Documentation of a process to provide for  
16 an evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed school  
17 operating schedule in meeting educational goals, student  
18 retention and achievement goals and other purposes for  
19 which the schedule was proposed;

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21           (iii) Other information determined necessary to  
22 implement this section as may be required by the  
23 department.

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1 (c) Department review of applications filed under  
2 subsection (b) of this section shall be completed by July  
3 31, 2013, followed by notification to the recipient  
4 districts. Supplemental assistance awards shall be limited  
5 to not more than one (1) school for each applicant  
6 district, and shall be limited based upon total district-  
7 wide average daily membership (ADM) based upon school year  
8 2012-2013 data, as follows:

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10 (i) Two (2) schools within districts of six  
11 hundred forty-nine (649) ADM or less;

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13 (ii) Two (2) schools within districts of at  
14 least six hundred fifty (650) ADM but not more than one  
15 thousand six hundred ninety-nine (1699) ADM;

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17 (iii) Two (2) schools within districts of one  
18 thousand seven hundred (1700) ADM or greater.

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20 (d) Supplemental financial assistance awarded to each  
21 selected school qualifying under this section shall be  
22 equal to five percent (5%) of the total school level  
23 resources computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for that school.  
24 Supplemental assistance shall be distributed in two (2)

1 payments, one (1) on or before January 15, 2014, and the  
2 last payment on or before May 15, 2014.

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4 (e) On or before December 31, 2013, the department  
5 shall report to the joint education interim committee on  
6 schools receiving financial assistance under this section  
7 and provide recommendations on continuing assistance under  
8 this section for subsequent school years. In addition, the  
9 department shall upon receipt, compile and report to the  
10 committee on each district's evaluation of program  
11 effectiveness.

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

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18 (END)