

ENROLLED ACT NO. 73, SENATE

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2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to a statewide energy and natural resource education initiative; requiring the governor's policy office to oversee initiative development; specifying initiative parameters; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.**

(a) The governor's policy office shall oversee the development of a statewide initiative on energy and natural resource development, use and stewardship by providing materials and opportunities for use in public education programs. The initiative shall be a joint effort of representatives from energy and natural resource industries and related member organizations, state education agencies, public education stakeholder representatives and the governor's policy office and shall focus on the development of a program for use in public school education which:

(i) May be embedded within the existing public school curriculum and structure;

(ii) Aligns with the revised Wyoming state science standards and the next generation science standards;

(iii) Ensures a balanced approach to energy and natural resource development, use and stewardship and ensures subject matter expertise is integrated with the requirements of the statewide educational program prescribed by law;

(iv) Advances student critical thinking skills;

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- (v) Develops co-curricular activities;
- (vi) Extends beyond normal classroom programs into extracurricular activities;
- (vii) Is easily accessed and used by public school teachers; and
- (viii) Is optional in part or in whole for use by teachers, schools and school districts.

(b) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) is appropriated from the school foundation program account to the governor's policy office for purposes of acquiring professional expertise necessary to initiate subsection (a) of this section and to report recommendations to the joint education interim committee on or before December 1, 2013. Recommendations shall at minimum:

- (i) Assess existing education programs related to energy and natural resources including, but not limited to Wild, Wonderful Wyoming: Choices for the Future, and Agriculture in the Classroom;
- (ii) Determine necessary funding required for development and distribution of educational materials directed at students and teachers;
- (iii) Determine future placement of program governance and oversight;
- (iv) Specify program structure as grade specific or full kindergarten through grade twelve (12) integration.

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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 Senate.

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Chief Clerk