

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0005

ENROLLED ACT NO. 23, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2014 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to school buses; requiring school buses transporting students to and from school and school activities to be equipped with specified video systems; reimbursing districts for associated costs; imposing duties; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-131(b) by creating a new paragraph (x) is amended to read:

21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle operation; liability limited.

(b) Each district shall establish and maintain minimum standards for the operation of school buses, including:

(x) Effective school year 2016-2017, and each school year thereafter, all school buses transporting students to and from school and to and from student activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii), shall be equipped with an external video system and may be equipped with an internal video system. Equipment specifications shall be prescribed by rule and regulation of the department.

Section 2.

(a) Effective July 1, 2014, up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education to reimburse school districts for one hundred percent (100%) of the costs of equipping school buses with

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internal and external video systems as required under W.S. 21-3-131(b), as amended by section 1 of this act. This subsection shall apply only to those school buses purchased before July 1, 2017, and used within the district for transporting students to and from school and to and from student activities pursuant to W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii). School districts shall apply to the department, on a form, in a manner and within time specifications prescribed by department rule and regulation, for reimbursement of equipment costs under this subsection. Any district which has received payment from the public school foundation program account under W.S. 21-13-320 for the costs of installation of video system equipment on school buses purchased prior to July 1, 2015, shall not be eligible for claiming reimbursement under this subsection for the costs of that equipment, nor shall any district receiving reimbursement for equipment costs under this subsection be eligible for payment under W.S. 21-13-320 for the installation of that equipment.

(b) Costs associated with the installation of video system equipment within school buses purchased on and after July 1, 2015, which are used to transport students to and from school and to and from student activities, shall be reimbursed in accordance with other district covered transportation costs specified under W.S. 21-13-320.

(c) The department of education shall immediately promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enable school districts to operate school buses equipped in accordance with this act not later than school year 2016-2017.

(d) Any unexpended and unobligated balance of the appropriation under subsection (a) of this section remaining on June 30, 2018, shall revert to the public school foundation program account.

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Section 3. 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.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk